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Nakajima: By the way, regarding the Yotobari mansion that is linked to our Order...> To All

Schindler: Oh, yes. About the case from the report, right? > To Nakajima

Doc: According to the report I obtained, there have been signs of an evil spirit in the mansion.

Nakajima: That is unacceptable. We must deal with it immediately.

Schindler: How should we handle this? > To All

Asu: Leave it to me. Next Sunday, I'll investigate the Yotobari Mansion myself.

VAMPIRE DOLL GUILT-NA-ZAN

MAIN CHARACTERS

STORY SO FAR

THE MOST FEARED VAMPIRE IN THE OLD DAYS OF EUROPE HAS NOW BEEN REVIVED AS A GIRL BY THE HAND OF THE SKILLFUL EXORCIST KYOJI. NOW HE LIVES HIS LIFE AS A MAID FOR THE YOTOBARI FAMILY AND ALSO A MONSTER HUNTER. THE HARDSHIPS OF GUILT-NA-ZAN CONTINUES...

LONG AGO, HE WAS KNOWN AS THE LORD OF VAMPIRES, THE MOST FEARED OF ALL HIS KIND. KYOJI RESURRECTED HIM INTO THE FIGURE OF A WAX DOLL. NOW HE MUST OBEY KYOJI.

THIS IS WHAT GUILT-NA ORIGINALLY LOOKED LIKE. BY SUCKING 1CC OF TONAE'S BLOOD, HE CAN TRANSFORM INTO HIMSELF--BUT ONLY FOR TEN MINUTES!

A VERY SKILLED BUT LAZY EXORCIST. HE SPENDS MOST DAYS MAKING FUN OF GUILT-NA.

ORIGINALLY A BAT, VINCENT IS A SERVANT OF GUILT-NA-ZAN. HE'S TOO NICE TO BE CALLED A MONSTER.

SHE IS THE YOUNGER SISTER OF KYOJI. LIKE VINCENT, SHE IS PURE AND SOMEWHAT SPACEY.

THIS IS NOT HIS ORIGINAL FORM. FOR MARIYA IMPLANTED THIS MONSTER'S SOUL INTO A WAX DOLL. HE NOW HAS HUGE CLAWS AND IS MARIYA'S SERVANT.

A MASTER AND KYOJI'S WAX DOLL-MAKING MENTOR, MARIYA FOUND DANTE IN THE COUNTRY OF W, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. HE SPEAKS IN THE HIROSHIMA DIALECT, AND HIS AGE IS A MYSTERY.

HE FEEDS BY ABSORBING NEGATIVE ENERGY FROM HUMANS AND IS CURRENTLY LIVING AND WORKING AT MITSUHACHI ACADEMY.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THIS ROOM UNTIL NOW.
IT GETS USED NOW AND THEN.
OCCASIONALLY, I PERFORM EXORCISMS AND BREAK CURSES HERE. I ALSO PERIODICALLY OPEN IT TO THE PUBLIC.

TO THE PUBLIC?
YES. IT IS CALLED CONFESSION.
I LISTEN TO PEOPLE'S CONFESSIONS AND PREACH MORALITY.
IT'S A PART OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER.
LIKE A POP QUIZ, HUH?
THE ORDER SENDS SOMEONE TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS ON SHORT NOTICE.
IT'S A DUTY I TAKE SERIOUSLY.
I COULD BE IN TROUBLE THIS TIME.
THEY'VE TAKEN NOTICE OF THE... UNUSUAL ADDITIONS TO MY HOUSEHOLD.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE TO ME.

#16 "Tomorrow Never Dies" Part 1

BUT HOW?
MY HYPNOSIS ONLY WORKS WHEN A PERSON IS RELATIVELY NEAR ME AND STILL.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE ME AT ALL.
REMEMBER THE MAGIC THAT YOU SHOWED US AT THE CHERRY BLOSSOM PARTY? THE ONE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO "DIVE" INTO THE HEARTS OF OTHERS. FIND ASU BY USING THAT METHOD TO INFILTRATE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.
LET'S USE THE CONFESSIONAL.
I'VE INSTALLED A MAGIC, ONE-WAY MIRROR, SO YOU CAN SEE PEOPLE FROM YOUR SIDE.
I THINK YOU'RE THE DEMON THAT THE ORDER SHOULD BE DEALING WITH...
Hee hee hee hee
NOT ONLY WILL I LEARN HIS IDENTITY BUT ALSO HIS WEAKNESS!

A MEMBER OF THE ORDER NAMED ASU WILL PERFORM THE INSPECTION, AND IT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SECRET.
THE INSPECTOR SHOULD ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON.
DON'T WORRY. I'VE HACKED THE ORDER'S COMPUTER SYSTEM TO OBSERVE THEIR ONLINE MEETINGS.
SO I KNOW THE DATE OF THE NEXT INSPECTION.
SEEMS LIKE A RATHER HIGH-TECH GROUP.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO HE'LL TRY TO INVESTIGATE YOU AND YOUR PLACE BY HIDING AMONG THE CIVILIANS?
A SECRET INSPECTION?
AT LAST--AN EXPLANATION! AFTER BEING OVERLOOKED FOR THREE PAGES, I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'D NEVER MENTION THE REASONING BEHIND THIS ABSURD COSTUME.
Used to Kyoji's craziness.
THUS, ONTO THE STAGE ENTERS OUR IDOL, MIRACLE SISTER GUILT-NA!
IS THIS AN EMOTICON?
I'm relieved to hear Asu is doing the inspection. Indeed. We needn't worry. Good luck!
(-ϕ-).o+
THIS ASU FELLOW SEEMS TO BE TRUSTED AMONG THE ORDER'S MEMBERS.

O-OKAY!
...TO START THE "DIVE."
IT IS TIME...
MY CHILD, WOULD YOU CARE...
...TO CONFESS YOUR SINS?
INTO THIS LITTLE BOY'S MIND--DIVE!!
OH, I SEE. IT'S SAME AS THAT TIME WITH VINCENT.
I'VE TAKEN ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE PERSON HE'S THINKING ABOUT.
HUH?
THIS FACE...

HMM...?
DO PEOPLE STILL COME TO CONFESS IN THIS DAY AND AGE...?
I WONDER IF THIS WILL WORK?
OH?
Over there.
PEEK
TONAE?
SHE LOOKS SO VERY BEAUTIFUL AND PURE.
UM...
KOFF
WELL...
NO...
HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE ASU, COULD HE?
A CHILD...?
WHAT COULD SUCH A LITTLE BOY HAVE TO CONFESS?

EVERYTHING THAT HAS A FORM WILL SOMEDAY BE GONE.
EVEN IF SHE HAS LOST THE BOX, SHE STILL HAS YOU AS HER TREASURE.
YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE ANOTHER ONE FOR HER.
I...I WILL!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
NUMBER ONE... LITTLE BOY. SHOWS NO SIGN OF BEING ASU.
H... HELLO.
HE SEEMS LIKE A SERIOUS YOUNG MAN.
COULD HE BE ASU?
THIS IS LIKE AN AUDITION.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY CHILD, WOULD YOU CARE...

M-MOM...
YOUR PRECIOUS JEWELRY BOX..
...I DROPPED AND BROKE IT...
I MADE IT FOR YOU...
...IN KINDER-GARTEN...
AND...
...YOU...
...HAD CHERISHED IT SO MUCH...
I GET IT...
THIS FIGURE IS HIS MOTHER.
WAAA SNIFF SNIFF SOB
HEY! STOP CRYING! AREN'T YOU A BOY?
IF YOU'RE HONEST, YOUR MOTHER WON'T BE ANGRY WITH YOU.
SHE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE A CARING HEART.

HE LOOKS LIKE HE COULD BE A MEMBER OF THE ORDER.
SHOULD I DIVE NOW?
MY BUSINESS GAVE ME NO CHOICE BUT TO LIVE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR MANY YEARS.
I HAVE ONLY JUST RETURNED TO JAPAN.
AS A RESULT, I HAD TO LEAVE MY WIFE AND UNBORN CHILD HERE ALONE.
IN THIS PHOTO, I ONLY SEE HER SMILE.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER SAD BECAUSE OF ME.
I'VE BEEN LIKE A STRANGER TO MY DAUGHTER, AND NOW...
...I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE ABLE TO CALL ME "DAD"?
YES, BUT... I'M AFRAID.
ISN'T THAT GOOD?

.....
...TO CONFESS YOUR SINS?
DIVE!!
COME FORTH, TEMPEST!!
FWAM
WHEN I WAS PLAYING ONLINE LAST NIGHT...
WHAT IS THIS RIDICULOUS OUTFIT?!
...A STRONG, SCARY MONSTER SUDDENLY APPEARED...
...AND I ABANDONED THE FEMALE ELF THAT I WAS HAVING A DATE WITH!
Th- thank you...
koFF
SHE WILL FORGIVE YOU NOW.
MAKE YOUR CHARACTER STRONGER AND PROTECT HER NEXT TIME.

EH?!
LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION. I'LL PLAY YOUR DAUGHTER SO YOU CAN PRACTICE.
LET'S START WITH YOU ARRIVING HOME.
REIA?! HOW...?!
I'M INSIDE YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW.
I...AM YOUR FATHER..?
I...I'M HOME...
CREEPY ?!
TALK LIKE THAT, AND SHE'LL THINK, "MY POP IS SO CREEPY."
YOU FAILED!
WHA?!
IT'S LIKE AN AUDITION.
Ew!
It's daddy
No!!
Honey, I'm home
This is how it looks

...FOR BEING AWAY FOR SO LONG.
I WONDER IF SHE'LL EVER FORGIVE ME...
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
LITTLE GIRLS CAN BE PRETTY STRONG.

THAT'S BLASPHEMOUS TO A VAMPIRE.
IT'S NOT THAT BAD, IS IT?
MAYBE YOU WERE REBORN TO BE A MINISTER?
OF COURSE I WON'T! GO AWAY!
DON'T FORGET ABOUT FINDING ASU.
THIS IS GROWING TIRESOME.
HE'S THE FOURTH PERSON.
WELL... LATELY...
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING...
TIME TO DIVE!

REIA...
I'M HOME.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
GOOD LUCK.
I GUESS... THAT'LL WORK.
KYOJI...?!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS.

THIS MAN SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE WHO I AM!
WHY DO I APPEAR AS GUILT-NA-ZAN IN HIS MIND?
IT CAN'T BE...!
YES, JUST LIKE THAT. I AM LOOKING FOR A YOUNG MAN...
...WHO HAS SILVER HAIR AND RED EYES.

I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
HUH...?!
WHY AM I...?!
HEY YOU...

THE OTHER DAY, I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM...
...HERE, AT THIS HOUSE.
HE WAS DEFINITELY NOT A NORMAL HUMAN BEING.
OH, NO...I WAS SO ABSORBED IN DEALING WITH THE LATEST EMERGENCY THAT I USED MY POWERS OUTSIDE WITHOUT THINKING.
SO IF HE WAS WATCHING THE MANSION... THAT MEANS...
HE MUST BE ASU!!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...
...IF YOU FIND HIM?
IF I DO...
...THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO!
GULP

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MY SINGING VOICE WOULD MAKE YOU CRINGE.
SO I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO REJECT YOUR OFFER.

OTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

WHAT...?! HE'S TRANS-FORMING?!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THE DIVE!
NO...
NOOOOOOO!

I'M GOING TO ASK HIM TO BECOME A SINGER IN OUR BAND!

I COULD FEEL HIS CHARISMA AND STAGE PRESENCE EVEN FROM AFAR!
WE DEFINITELY WANT THIS GUY!
SINCE OUR SINGER QUIT, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR A NEW ONE!
I'M THE LEAD GUITARIST IN THE BAND CALLED "BLOODY MAY"!

UM... EXCUSE ME? I NEED YOU TO CALM DOWN AND LISTEN FOR A MOMENT.
HE'S GOT GOOD INTUITION.
THE TOUR TITLE MUST BE "VAMPIRE JOURNEY"!
YOU REALLY WANT TO BE ON "KUWAZUGIRAI"? [NOTE] A GAME SHOW IN WHICH ONE CONTESTANT EATS THINGS THEY DISLIKE AND ONE THEY HATE WHILE OTHERS GUESS WHICH IS WHICH.]
WE'LL HAVE CONCERTS AT NK HALL, SHIBUYA PARK, AND THE TOKYO DOME!
WITH HIM, WE CAN ACHIEVE A MAJOR LABEL, PLATINUM SALES, A BOOK DEAL, AND A CHART-TOPPING HIT!
...AND WE WILL BE ON TV SHOWS LIKE "MUSIC STATION," "HEY, HEY, HEY," AND "KUWAZUGIRAI"!

HE'S GOT GOOD INTUITION!
PRINCE OF THE MONSTERS...
WAKING FROM A DREAM TO BECOME A SLAVE...
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING?! PLEASE COME OUT!
I MADE A SONG FOR YOU AND EVERYTHING!
HM?
I TOLD YOU ALREADY...
WAAH!
!
AH

!
WHY IS HE HERE?!
IT WASN'T JUST IN HIS MIND?!
TONAE?!
GUILT-NA-CHAN! GUILT-NA-CHAN!
MY BROTHER TOLD ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.
AND...
YOU'VE BROUGHT ME THE BAT AX!
WHAT?!

HOW CAN YOU REJECT MY OFFER? PLEASE RECONSIDER!!
YOU'LL BE SO POPULAR!
WHY ARE YOU BABBLING ON LIKE SOME EMO KID?
I GAVE YOU THE PRIZE OF TONAE'S BLOOD-- FIGHT LIKE A MAN!
THE WORLD OF HIS IMAGINATION WAS KINDER TO ME.
IN HIS MIND, I WAS WEARING MY CLASSIC GARMENTS.
...THE GALLERY?
I'VE GOT IT!! WE'LL ASK THE GALLERY!
THAT CHILD?! WHAT'S HE STILL DOING HERE?!
RUN ...!
COULD YOU HELP ME OUT?
HEY, LITTLE BOY!!
I DON'T SING.
RAAAAR!!
THAT DAMN KYOJI!!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHY AM I IN A PRIEST'S GARB?!
DON'T YOU LIKE IT? IT'S A BACKUP COSTUME I MADE FOR EMERGENCIES.

THAT ONLINE GAME GEEK IS FROM THE ORDER, TOO?!
WHAT?!

ANALYSIS COMPLETE! GO!
FIRST, THE SUBJECT MUST BE IMMOBILIZED. ONCE THE DEMONIC POWER IS SEALED, IT CAN BE CRUSHED.
HIS WEAKNESS IS THE AREA IN WHICH THE CACODEMONO-MANIA IS CONCENTRATED-- HIS HORN.

OW!
HUH...?
WHAT THE...?

!!

DEMON LEVEL... SIX TO SEVEN.
TYPE THREE NEURAL CACODEMONO-MANIA ORIGINATING FROM THE CERVICAL VERTEBRAE.
POTENTIAL MARGIN OF ERROR...2%.
WHAT...?! SO HE WAS ASU?!
THAT'S A "CROSS SHIELD" FROM THE ORDER!

NOT A CHANCE!
HEY, GUILT-NA-ZAN! THIS IS WHEN YOU SHOULD SAY "AMEN"!

ASHES...
A--
ASHES...
WE...
A--
ALL...
CHING
FREEZE
...FALL DOWN!!
!
HURRY!
BREAK HIS HORN NOW!!
THAT BOY'S ONE OF THEM, TOO...?!
OH! THAT'S AN ADVANCED SPELL CALLED A "SEALING SCAR"!
IMPRESSIVE!

HUH?
NOW WE GET IT!
DING!
ASU
US
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING TO MY CONFESSION.
PLEASE SAY "HI" TO THE SISTER WHO LOOKED LIKE MY MOTHER FOR ME.
ME, TOO. THAT ONE SISTER LOOKED JUST LIKE MY DAUGHTER.
YES, THERE WAS EVEN ONE WHO LOOKED LIKE AN ELF MAGICIAN!
SO WE CAME TO INVES-TIGATE.
AT FIRST, A LOW-LIFE EVIL SPIRIT POSSESSED THIS MAN WHEN HE WAS SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS.
THEN A MEMBER OF THE ORDER REPORTED SOME KIND OF DEMON HAD BEEN SPOTTED WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF THE YOTOBARI MANSION.
EXCUSE ME? WE'RE GOING HOME NOW.
SO...WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME NOW?
NOT AT ALL.
WHO KNOWS? JUST PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
HEY, KYOJI. DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THE EVIL SPIRIT?
WHISPER WHISPER

BUT ENOUGH OF THAT! I NOTICED YOU ALL HAVE VERY SPECIAL EXORCISM SKILLS! MAY I ASSUME YOU'RE FROM THE ORDER?
IT'S NO BIG DEAL! HE'S JUST AN APPRENTICE TO A PRIEST.
OF COURSE I--!
MH!
YOU HAVE SKILL. NOT ONLY WAS YOUR AIM ACCURATE, IT COMPLETELY SHATTERED THE HORN. YOU DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE ANY TRACE OF THE HORN, AND HE BEARS NO SCARS.
THIS YOUNG MAN SHOULD BE FINE NOW.
WE'RE A WEAK TEAM THAT CAN'T USE OUR POWERS UNLESS WE'RE TOGETHER.
WELL...YOUR COMMENTS ARE VERY FLATTERING, BUT...
REGULAR PEOPLE DON'T SWING SUCH ELABORATE CROSSES.
WHAT EVER DO YOU MEAN? WE'RE JUST REGULAR PEOPLE WHO CAME FOR CONFESSION.
HUH?!
ACK!
WE CALL OURSELVES "US."
BUT WE DO HAVE A NAME FOR OUR GROUP...
OUR NAMES AREN'T WORTH REMEM-BERING.

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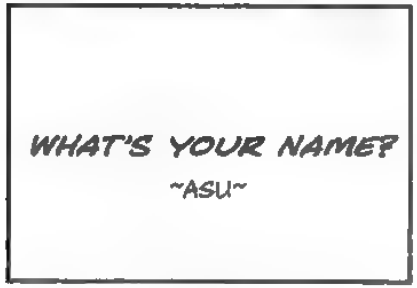
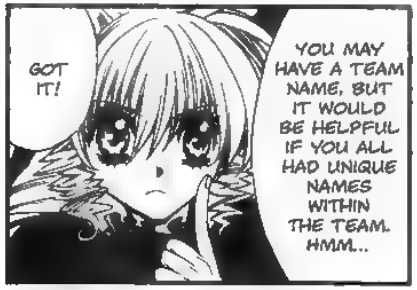
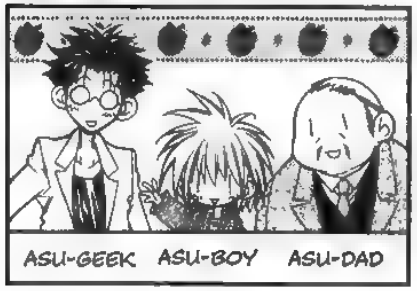
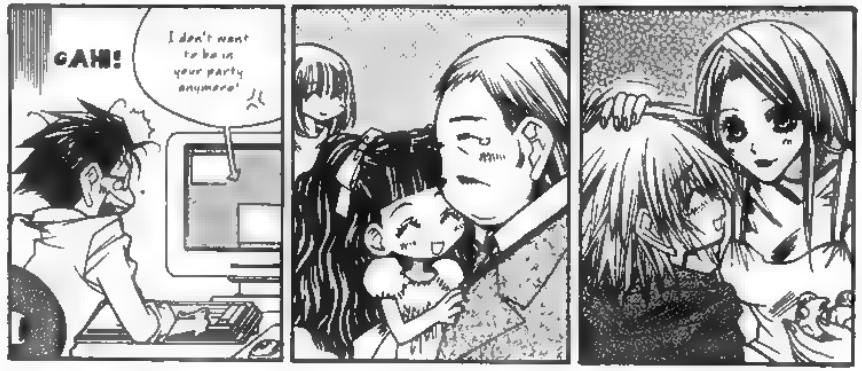






PLEASE!! PLEASE LET ME SEE HIM!!
NO!! GET OFF ME!!
...DID YOU HIRE ANOTHER SERVANT?
MY LORD. WHILE I WAS TAKING CARE OF THE HOUSEWORK FOR YOU...



#18 Singin' in the rain

*NOTE: TERU-TERU-BOZU ARE LITTLE CHARMS THAT ARE SAID TO BRING GOOD WEATHER.

MAIU?
THAT'S RIGHT. IN JAPAN, THIS SEASON IS CALLED "MAIU."
DON'T BE FOOLED-- IT'S CALLED "BAIU"!
HEY!
I HATE THIS HUMID CLIMATE. IT DRAINS ME, SO I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING.
WHY DON'T YOU GUYS MAKE TERU-TERU-BOZU?
"TERU-TERU-BOZU"?
UMM, I SEE NO DIFFERENCE FROM HOW YOU ALWAYS ACT...

ズル
HOLD IT!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
YOU SHOULD WEAR THIS RAINCOAT.
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
I'M A WAX DOLL. I WON'T CATCH COLD.
SEE?
YOU LOOK GREAT IN IT!
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE WAX DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SKIN!
JUST PUT IT ON!
ぎゅっ

ガチャ
THERE...
hugo
SURE. IT'S THE USUAL PLACE, RIGHT?
BUT I'M KIND OF BUSY RIGHT NOW. COULD YOU GO GET IT FOR ME?
DANTE!
ONE OF THE SHOPS I ORDER MATERIALS FROM JUST CALLED. A SHIPMENT OF MINE HAS JUST ARRIVED.

UM... I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW IT GOES FROM THERE.
MAN...I HATE GOING OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN. THAT CLASS PRESIDENT CAN BE TOO MUCH SOMETIMES.
Memo from Shizuka
WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST BUY ALL THE SCHOOL MATERIALS IN ONE PLACE, AT ONE TIME?
JUST LIKE A TERU-TERU-BOZU.
Wow! He's adorable!
Look! Isn't he cute?
...I WILL GIVE YOU A GOLDEN BELL.
IF THE SKY CLEARS UP, LIKE THE ONE IN MY DREAMS...
IF IT BECOMES CLOUDY AND WE CRY...

!
HE STOLE MY PURSE!
THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME OF THE REST OF THE LYRICS.
SHIK
HUFF..
PUFF..
SHE CAN'T CHASE ME THIS FAR
HE'S DEFINITELY...
...MORE THAN HUMAN.
EEK!
SOME-BODY HELP!
URKI..
BUT HE'S JUST A PIP-SQUEAK...

PRETTY FOUL-TASTING NEGATIVE ENERGY.
HMPH!
WHAT'S NOT FAIR?
COME DOWN HERE.
NO FAIR
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
W--
AW! MY UMBRELLA GOT RIPPED.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE TOSSED IT ASIDE JUST BECAUSE I HAD TO CHASE HIM.

"DO YOU WANT ME TO...
...CUT OFF YOUR HEAD?"
N--
NO...
NOOOO!!
.....?
SHMP

WHEN I...
...TRY TO DO SOMETHING, HUGO ALWAYS TAKES IT AWAY FROM ME.
I KNOW IT IS BECAUSE I AM SMALL...
...AND NOT DEPENDABLE.
DOESN'T THAT REALLY MEAN...
...THAT HE CARES ABOUT YOU?

WOW. YOU'RE ONE PREPARED "STABBER."
YOU JUST HAVE TO SEW IT.
I BORROWED THIS FROM THE CLASS PRESIDENT.
WHY DO YOU HAVE FROGS ON YOU?
THEY LIKE ME.
MY NAME IS DANTE.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, PIPSQUEAK.
RIBBIT RIBBIT
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS.
I SURVIVED BY MYSELF FOR A LONG TIME.
THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE.

WELL... I DID, BUT...
YOU'RE SOAKING WET! DIDN'T YOU USE MY UMBRELLA?!
YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH COLD!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, DUNE-KUN?!
HUH?
.....
You sucked some negative energy, didn't you?
I'VE NEVER HAD ANYONE WHO CARED ABOUT ME...

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
NO. NOTHING AT ALL.
HUH?
Talking to himself
...I HAVE SOMEONE WHO DOES.
MAYBE...
PLEASE STOP!
I'LL TAKE HIM INTO OUR SCHOOL!

YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY.
I'VE NEVER HAD ANYONE WHO CARED ABOUT ME.
YOU LOOK GREAT IN IT!
I KNOW SO.
YOU THINK SO?

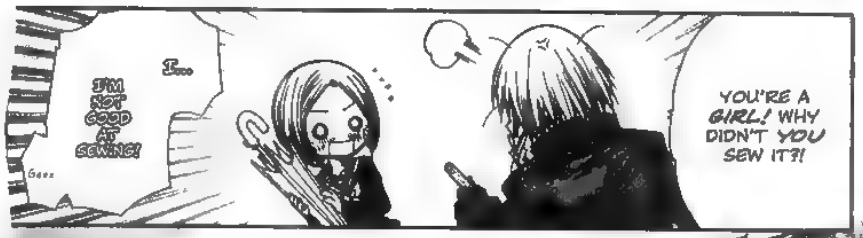
OH! THANK Y--!
SKSH
I'M BACK!

SO THE TEAR WASN'T MY FAULT?!
I'd been holding it together with tape
DID YOU FIX THIS FOR ME, DUNE-KUN?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
WHAT'S THIS? MY UMBRELLA IS FIXED.
I HAD RIPPED IT THE OTHER DAY.

I CAN'T REACH IT NOW...
THAT'S ODD.
DID I REALLY PUT THIS SO HIGH UP THERE?

UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T STOP RAINING.
YEAH...


I'M NOT GOOD AT SEWING!
I...
YOU'RE A GIRL! WHY DIDN'T YOU SEW IT?!

WHAT A SAD FACE!
DON'T WORRY!
!!
DO YOUR BEST!
.....
WHAT?
I AM THE MASTER OF DOLLS!
THIS LITTLE GUY IS ONE OF MY PRECIOUS CREATIONS.
SOON IT WILL BE SUNNY AGAIN.
THEN WE CAN PUT A GOLDEN BELL AROUND HIS NECK.

!
HUH?!
!
SINCE HE DIDN'T MAKE A SUNNY DAY...
...ARE YOU GOING TO CHOP OFF HIS HEAD?
OH... OKAY. THANKS.
I GOT IT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH... IT'S NOTHING.

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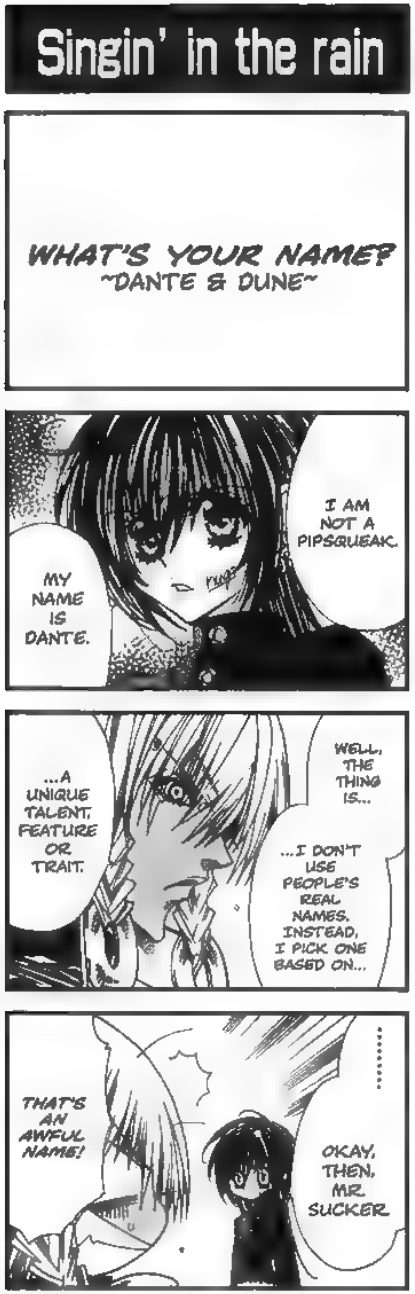
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
~DANTE & DUNE~
I AM NOT A PIPSQUEAK.
MY NAME IS DANTE.
WELL, THE THING IS...
...I DON'T USE PEOPLE'S REAL NAMES. INSTEAD, I PICK ONE BASED ON...
...A UNIQUE TALENT, FEATURE OR TRAIT.
.....
OKAY, THEN, MR. SUCKER
THAT'S AN AWFUL NAME!

IT NEVER STOPPED.
THE RAIN...
DISAPPOINTED
PERHAPS IF HE HADN'T HUNG THEM UPSIDE-DOWN...
...EVEN THOUGH I MADE SO MANY TERU-TERU-BOZU.
WELL, HE IS A BAT. THAT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR HIM.

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GUILT-NA-CHAN? AREN'T YOU HOT IN THOSE CLOTHES?
HMPH.
I AM...
...BUT I'M AFRAID TO EXPOSE MY SKIN TO THE SUN.
EVEN IF I'M JUST A DOLL, IT'S NOT EASY TO BE IN THIS HEAT.

Gunslinger Girl
ガンスリンガーガール

?
PAT
PAT
GOOD MORNING, GUILT-NA-CHAN!
WH--
ARE YOU UP YET?
WHAT THE--?!

REALLY? THAT MAY BE A SIGN OF GROWING BIGGER!
RECENTLY, MY JOINTS HAVE BEEN ACHING, AND I CAN'T MOVE TOO QUICKLY.
BUT I'M A DOLL...
IT'S MORNING ALREADY?
YAWN!
TIME TO GET UP...

MY LORD, YOU FIT IN THE PALM OF MY HAND!
VINCENT, YOU SURE LOOK PWETTY BIG.
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR YOUR BREAKFAST? WOULD YOU LIKE SOME LITTLE WORMS OR..?!
CALM DWOWN! I AM NOT A BWIRD!
MY LORD, YOU SEEM TO BE VERY CALM...
You have quite a lovely outfit, too
It's from one of Tonae's dolls
KYOJI MUST HAVE DWONE DIS TO ME!
HE'S THE ONWY PWERSON I CAN THINK OF SEEING HUMOR IN DIS!
CHK
OH!
HMM?

HUH?
SQUISH
YAAA!
I'M HERE! I'M HERE!
YAA ...?!
GUILT-NA-CHAN? WHERE ARE YOU?
M-
MY...
MY LORD IS IN TROUBLE!
I DWIDN'T GWOW BWIGGER! I GOT SMWALLER!
TONAE! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?!

LET ME SEE...
HUH? WHERE DID THEY GO?
I'D NOTICED YOU'VE BEEN HAVING SOME TROUBLE LATELY.
I WAS GOING TO ASK MASTER MARIYA FOR HIS ADVICE.
"ON THE BACK OF A SWALLOW...
...LITTLE THUMBELINA FLEW FAR, FAR AWAY."
HUWWY, VINCENT!
YES, MY LORD!
IF KYOJI ISH NOT DA ONE BEHIND IT..
...THEN I CAN ONLY TINK OF ONE OTHER MAN WHO WOULD DO DIS TO ME!

You are so cute!
MY LORD, I'VE NEVER SEEN MASTER KYOJI'S GAZE LOOK SO... DANGEROUS!
DON'T PWAY DUMB!
ALTHOUGH I LOVE EVERYTHING PETITE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS TO GET MY ATTENTION.
YOU ARE A TWULY SICK MAN!
THINK WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT IF IT WAS ME, I WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE CHOSEN SOMETHING UNIQUE FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. LIKE LAYING YOU IN A TULIP.
I SEE...
I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION, BUT I'M AFRAID IT WASN'T ME.
AS I SUSPECTED...
YOU CAN ONLY MAKE ROCK CANDY?
HMPH!
POP POP
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO GIVE ME SOME SWEETS?
YOU TINK I DWON'T KNOW IT WAS YOU?!

IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, MASTER NIGHT VEIL.
WHAT BRINGS SUCH MISERABLE CREATURES TO THIS EVIL CASTLE?!
YOU FORGOT TO PUT DOWN THE COOKING CHOPSTWICKS.
WHAT ARE YOU TWALKING ABOUT?!
I KNOW YOU DID DIS TO ME!
NOW YOU'RE DOING IT, TOO, MASTER NIGHT VEIL.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SENT BY KYOJI AS PART OF SOME PRANK!!
I KNOW! YOU CAME TO LAUGH AT ME, DIDN'T YOU?!
KYOJI HAS MADE HIM PAWANOID AND CWAZY.
POOR MASTER NIGHT VEIL.
DO...
...TO ME!!
NOT...
LIE...

OKAY. PUSH THE INTERCWOM.
YES, MY LORD.
IS DIS HIS HOUSE?
YES.
DING
DONG
YES! I'M COMING! WHO IS--?!
KERO
KERO
ZOOM
SLASH

...I AM A FIRST-CLASS SORCERER.
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR ME TO CHANGE YOU BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SIZE.
I SWEAR THAT I DID NOT DO THIS TO YOU.
BUT...
KYOICHI...
YES, MASTER NIGHT VEIL!
FINALLY, I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF MY SUPERIOR SKILLS TO KYOJI!
YES!
HELP ME, BAT!

MY LORD! PLEASE DON'T CRY!
WAA-AAA-AHH!
IS THIS A GIFT?
POP
POP
POP
PLUS, NOBODY'S SAID ANYTWING ABOUT HOW MY SPWEECH IS ALL... CHIBIFIED.
.....
SN
AG
I HAVE NO HOPE...
NOT ONLY HAVE I WOST MY IDENTITWY AS A PWOUD VAMPIRE AWISTOCWAT...
...BUT NOW I HAVE WOST MY POWER COMPWETELY.

!!
ENOUGH TALK!
LIKE THE ROSE THAT GROWS GREATER THAN ITS ROOT--
BLOOM!

I WAS REVIVED BY MASTER NIGHT VEIL IN THIS ROOM.
YOU HAVE A PWETTY NICE LIBRAWY.

SOUNDS FISHY TO ME.
GOT IT! THIS IS THE SPELL OF PROMOTING GROWTH IN INORGANIC OR ORGANIC SUBSTANCES! "GROW-UP COOL"!!
THAT'S WIGHT...
HE WEVIVED VINCENT INTO HIS BWODY.
I HAVE A FEEWING I'M MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE.
I love water melon
DON'T WORRY! I'VE RAISED A WATERMELON FROM A SEED IN MOMENTS BY USING THIS SPELL!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TWUST HIS SKILL.

BOOM!
AND THEN YOU'LL BE LARGE AGAIN!
I MIGHT AS WELL JUST USE MY FULL POWER TO SPEED THINGS ALONG.
W--
WAIT!
THIS BETTER NOT BE A REALLY CLICHÉ CONCLUSION...
BOOM

DON'T YOU REMEMBER, KYO-CHAN?
YOU ASKED FOR MY HELP, AND I CAME OVER HERE LAST NIGHT.
WEE-OOO
WEE-OOO

MY LORD! HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE!
HUH? DID I USE THE WRONG SPELL?
BUT I'M STILL TINY!
WELL, I'M AN ADULT, NOW...
...BUT THIS IS NOT WHAT I ASKED FOR.
NOW I CAN SEE THAT MISS TONAE WILL GROW INTO A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN JUST LIKE THIS.
I HOPE SHE WON'T BE AS SMALL AS I AM RIGHT NOW.
I FOUND MY MISTAKE! IT WILL BE PERFECT THIS TIME!!
OKAY!

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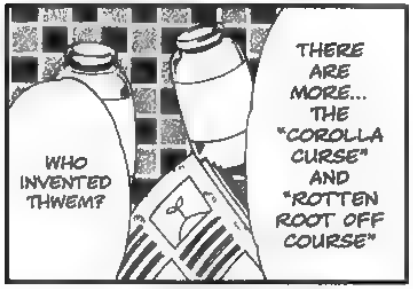
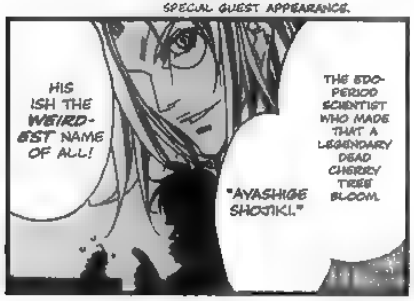


SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE.


HIS ISH THE WEIRD-EST NAME OF ALL!
"AYASHIGE SHOJIKI."
THE EDO-PERIOD SCIENTIST WHO MADE THAT A LEGENDARY DEAD CHERRY TREE BLOOM.

[NOTE: AYASHIGE MEANS FISHY. SHOJIKI MEANS HONEST.]

BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL

REFLECTIONS

I DON'T REMEMBER A THING.
COMPLETE SINCERITY
I TOLD YOU THAT I HAD TO KEEP THE BODY OF GUILT-NA-CHAN IN ORDER TO FIX IT.
SO I BROUGHT A TEMPORARY BODY. WITH YOUR HELP, WE INPUT THE SOUL INTO THAT ONE. IS ANY OF THIS RINGING ANY BELLS?
PLEASE FORGIVE MY ABSENT-MINDEDNESS, MASTER.
ALL THAT ASIDE... DO YOU HEAR A SECURITY ALARM?
WEE-
WELL... YOU DID SEEM LIKE YOU WERE HALF ASLEEP.
THAT IS SO LIKE YOU!
I WENT FROM THUMBELINA TO ALICE IN WONDERLAND...
MY LORD! NOW YOU'RE SPECTACULARLY BIG!

HEY... GOLD-CHAN?
THIS ROOM OF OURS..IT REALLY IS MAGNIFICENT.
...BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S MISSING SOMETHING?
OH, SILVER-CHAN!
I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING!
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT NEEDS! RIGHT THERE...
...WE COULD PUT A BEAUTIFUL DOLL. THAT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL ROOM FOR BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE LIKE US.

LOOK AT THIS, KYOJI!
NOT ONLY DO I HAVE NO MORE JOINT PAIN, BUT MY HAIR AND SKIN LOOK BETTER THAN EVER!
Look!
Look!
MARIYA'S DOLL-MAKING TALENTS CERTAINLY WARRANT THE TITLE OF "MASTER"!
YOU HAVE A NEW JOB THAT FITS THE NEW, BEAUTIFUL YOU.
WHAT JOB?
THAT COMMENT IS NOT ONLY PETTY BUT ALSO RATHER PERVERTED.
YOUR BASE STRUCTURE WAS WELL MADE, YOU KNOW?

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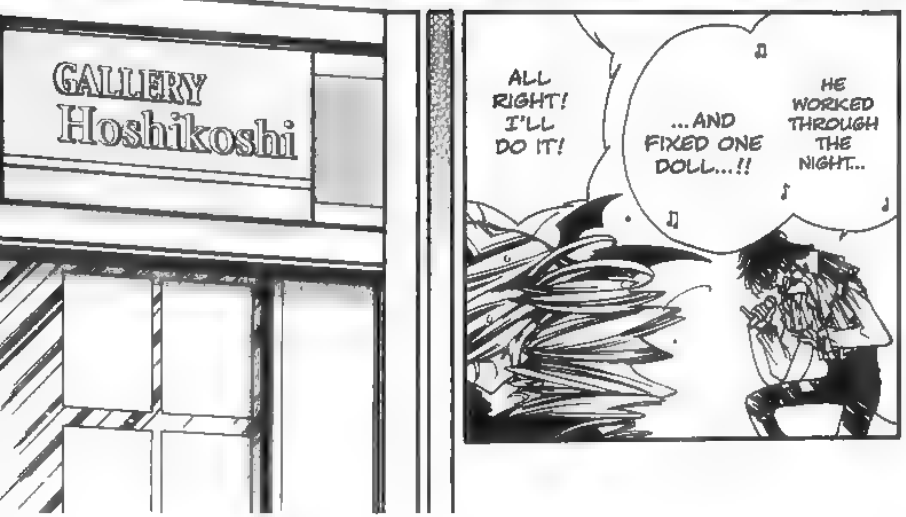
DESPITE HIS LAID-BACK ATTITUDE, MASTER MARIYA IS A POWERFUL INFLUENCE IN THE BUSINESS.
FOR THE SAKE OF AN EXCELLENT SHOW, HE'LL EVEN USE THE BEST LOCAL HAIR AND MAKEUP ARTISTS.
I DON'T CARE!
PLUS!
I KNEW YOU WERE UP TO SOMETHING.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO BE IN THE SHOW.
KNOWS HE SHOULD.
ULP!
THIS WILL BE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO HIM!


GALLERY Hoshikoshi
ALL RIGHT! I'LL DO IT!
...AND FIXED ONE DOLL...!!
HE WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT...

HOSHI-KOSHI?
ISN'T IT A FAMOUS GALLERY?
THE PLACE WILL BE AT THE GALLERY HOSHIKOSHI.

SOUNDS FISHY!
"IT IS AN EASY JOB-- YOU WEAR A GORGEOUS DRESS AND SIT STILL."
"WE SUPPLY THE CLOTHES."

Hugo Mariya AUTUMN MUSEUM
A FEW TIMES A YEAR, MASTER MARIYA HOSTS AN EXHIBITION OF DOLLS.

INDEED, IT IS!
Hugo Mar
AUTUM
MUSEUM
SWIP

IN THIS SHOW, HE WANTS TO DISPLAY DOLLS OF HIS DISCIPLES, TOO.
SO IT'LL BE A COLLABORATION EXHIBITION?
AUTUMN IS THE BEST SEASON FOR ART, MY DOLL!

YOU CAN'T GIVE SO EASILY. IT'LL BE A DAYLONG EVENT.
HOW VEXING! MY NECK'S ALREADY GETTING A CRICK IN IT.
DON'T WORRY. THIS ROOM IS SAFE.
MY STAFF IS BUSY PREPARING MY OTHER DOLLS, SO WE HAVE THE PLACE TO OURSELVES.
WHAT TROUBLE?
I JUST HAVE TO STAY STILL DURING THE EXHIBITION, RIGHT?
This outfit makes me feel like I should be visiting a shrine
GUILT-NA-CHAN...
...I'M SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU LIKE THIS.
THIS IS...
DEAR MASTER MARIYA HUGO,
I WILL STEAL ONE OF YOUR GREAT ART PIECES ON THE DAY OF YOUR SHOW.
BEAUTIFUL PHANTOM THIEF, PRINCESS ROSE
...A THIEF'S CALLING CARD?!
YEAH, BUT... I GOT THIS LAST NIGHT.

AAH!
THAT MUST BE ONE OF MASTER MARIYA'S DISCIPLES.
I THINK THE DOLL SHOULD BE EXHIBITED THE WAY SHE IS RIGHT NOW...
HE AND HIS DOLL ARE SO ELEGANT.
KYO-CHAN! THANK YOU FOR COMING!
THIS IS OUR GREEN ROOM.
I KNOW THAT!
DON'T HOLD ME SO TIGHT!
LISTEN. YOU MUST STAY STILL IN FRONT OF OTHER HUMANS, OKAY?
SQUEEZE!

RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE WORKING FOR THE BODYGUARD OF A GUY CALLING HIMSELF PRINCE.
WHY DON'T YOU HIRE THOSE PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS?
WHETHER THIS IS SERIOUS OR NOT..
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT, AND I DON'T WANT THE POLICE INVOLVED.
HOW RIDICULOUS OF YOU TO SPEAK AS THOUGH YOUR DEATH IS IMMINENT!
...BUT I'LL DO IT ANYWAY.
GUILT-NA-CHAN! I'M AN OLD MAN, NOW, AND THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME IN MY LIFE I'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ASK FOR SUCH A FAVOR.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO THIS.
♡
AS PEOPLE AGE, THEY FORGOT MANY THINGS.
MASTER, THAT WAS YOUR HUNDREDTH "LAST TIME IN MY LIFE" FAVOR.

YEAH, I KNOW...
THE DAY OF THE ART SHOW IS TODAY!
HANG ON!
IT SMELLS LIKE A ROSE...?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM?
I'VE BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS FOR A LONG TIME.
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME I'VE RECEIVED A THREAT LIKE THAT.
SPEAKING OF DANTE... WHERE IS HE?
HE'S NOT WITH YOU?
YEAH. WELL... NOT TODAY.
IN THE PAST, DANTE HAS SCARED THEM OFF.
...BUT HE CAN'T BE ON GUARD THIS TIME.

THAT'S ODD COMING FROM YOU.
WAH! THAT DOLL JUST MOVED!
krk
THAT VOICE!
ARE YOU... DANTE?!
I AM.
IT'S BEEN COVERED WITH MAKEUP.
WHO DID IT?
WELL...
WHERE'S THE TATTOO?
THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'RE ALSO ONE OF MARIYA'S DOLLS. BUT YOUR CHEEK..

I SEE THE THEME OF THIS SHOW IS JAPANESE DOLLS...
MARIYA'S ARTWORK IS SO AMAZING.
IT'S NO WONDER SOMEONE WANTS TO STEAL IT.
WOW.
THAT DOLL ALMOST LOOKS ALIVE.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLIMENTING MY DOLL...
...LOVELY LADIES.
OH, MY! IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAVE SUCH A GOOD SENSE OF STYLE, GOLD-CHAN!
WOW! YOUR MAKEUP TECHNIQUE IS PERFECT, AS USUAL, SILVER-CHAN!
ARE YOU OKAY?
AAH!
Frozen solid
IT WAS THEM.
I'M SILVER, AND I TAKE CARE OF MAKEUP.
I'M THE STYLIST. MY NAME IS GOLD!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE OUR HAIR STYLIST AND MAKEUP ARTIST FROM STUDIO ROSE.
THEY'RE VERY FAMOUS IN THE INDUSTRY!
OH! GOSH!
YAY!
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT STAYING AS STILL AS A DOLL.
PASSED OUT FROM SHOCK.
WOW! SHE'S SOOOOO SPECTACULARLY BEAUTIFUL!
IT MAKES ME WANT TO JUST PINCH HER!
べたべたべたべた
OH, MY GOD! LOOK AT HER! WHEN DID THIS ONE ARRIVE?!
2m
2m

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!
WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU THINKING, KYOJI?!
TUG
!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO IF I TRANSFORM DURING THE ART SHOW?!
THAT...
THAT SMELL...
HUH?
ぐいん
HI, DARLING. WHERE DO YOU WANT ME TO PAINT FIRST? ♡
WAA-AAA-AH!!

2m
HEY! NO FAIR! ♡
2m
OF COURSE! I'LL MAKE HER FACE SHINE WITH MY MAKEUP TECHNIQUE! ♡
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE FINAL RESULT.
PLEASE MAKE MY GUILT-NA AS BEAUTIFUL AS SHE CAN BE!
OH? YOUR MASTER ASSIGNED ME TO USE A PARTICULAR PERFUME? ♡
THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
HELLO, GUILT-NA-CHAN! LET'S MAKE YOU EVEN PRETTIER, OKAY? ♡
HUH?
!
PSSH
...THE TRANSFORMING PERFUME?!
...AND WE HAVE NO IDEA WHEN IT WILL TRANSFORM ME!
IS THAT...

SO THOSE TWINS ARE THE CULPRITS?!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE FIGURED OUT WHO THEY REALLY ARE...
...I CAN'T MOVE AS LONG AS I HAVE TO PRETEND I'M JUST A DOLL.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

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OH, NO!
HOW DO I TELL MARIYA?!
OH, MY GOD! NOT ONLY DO I HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHEN I'LL TRANSFORM...
...BUT I ALSO HAVE FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM?!
THOSE TWO SCARE ME!
...TO BE CONTIN-UED!

I ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THEM.
WHILE THEY WERE DOING MY HAIR AND MAKEUP, THEY WERE DISCUSSING THEIR PLAN.
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE TWINS, AREN'T YOU?
YAH...!
DID I GUESS RIGHT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, "WHY DIDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING IF YOU KNEW ABOUT IT?"
WHA...?!
WHY...?!
AH!
...I HAVE NO CHOICE!
HOW IDIOTIC!
THEREFORE...
HE'LL SCOLD ME IF I MOVE.
YOU MUST NOT MOVE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, OKAY?
YOU ARE WEARING A VERY EXPENSIVE KIMONO FROM A FAMOUS KIMONO STORE IN KYOTO.

.....!
I MUST DO SOMETHING...
WELL, THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, AND NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE HERE YET...
MARIYA!
KYOJI!
SWIP
JOURNAL OF DOLL EXPERIMENTATION
WHY CAN'T I MOVE?
GASP
GASP
...I CAN'T TALK, EITHER?!
.....
HE COULD HAVE CHOSEN A BETTER TIME TO BE HELPFUL!
HE MUST HAVE ADDED AN EFFECT LIKE "THE ABILITY TO STAY STILL LIKE A DOLL" TO THAT TRANSFORMATION PERFUME!!

OH? SHALL WE OPEN THE DOORS?
MARIYA-SAN? IT'S TIME! ♡
MARIONETTE WHIMSY?
IS HE DEAF?!
NOT FOR THE SHOW...
BEFORE WE START THE EXHIBITION...
...YOU'LL GET TO EXPERIENCE A MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE! ♡
HUH...?
!!

KA TONK
OH, I JUST LOVE THE SUPERNATURAL! ♡
OH, MY! THAT WAS SCARY! COULD IT BE A GHOST?
NOT EASILY INTIMI-DATED...
MA... RI... YA...
T... WINS... THIE... F...
GUILT-NA-CHAN? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY JUST ANNOUNCED THEMSELVES LIKE THAT AFTER ALL MY STRUGGLING FOR THE LAST HOUR...
SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN, PHANTOM THIEVES?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CARRY OUT ALL OF THE DOLLS BEFORE SOMEONE OPENS THE DOORS AND STARTS THE SHOW.
DON'T BE SILLY! WE WEREN'T GOING TO STEAL ALL OF THEM.
THIS ONE!
AND THAT ONE!
URK!
WHILE WORKING AS PART OF THE STAFF, WE WERE PICKING THE TWO MOST BEAUTIFUL.
OF COURSE...
OH, HO, HO, HO! YOU SEEM UPSET THAT WE'VE SHOWN SUCH GOOD TASTE IN OUR SELECTION! ♡

WE ARE THE BEAUTIFUL TWIN GOD-DESSES!
POOF
POOF
A TALENTED MAKEUP ARTIST AND STYLIST ARE MERELY OUR DISGUISES!!
WE ARE CALLED THE "PHANTOM THIEF, PRINCESS ROSE!"
PREPARE YOURSELF! ♡
DON'T LIE, KYOJI!
AS I SUSPECT-ED...
WEIRDOES!

Still can't move
YAAAAAAAAOWZA!♡
I... I'M...
...HERE FOR MY MASTER!!
YOU ARE SOOO CUTE! ♡ HOW OLD ARE YOU?
DO YOU WANT TO HANG OUT WITH US?!
E- EXCUSE ME?!
OH MY! MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE HIM, TOO?! ♡
FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, I WOULDN'T.
DRIP DRIP
MASTER!!

AH! SO SWEET BUT SO STUPID!
WE'RE PHANTOM THIEVES! OF COURSE WE KNOW HOW TO ESCAPE FROM WINDOWS...
THERE'S SECURITY EVERYWHERE, INSIDE AND OUT...AND THIS IS THE FIFTH FLOOR.
Hup!
MY APOLOGIES FOR ENTERING THROUGH A WINDOW.
YAA-AAA-AAA-AH!!
SASH!
OH! PLEASE FORGIVE MY RUDE BEHAVIOR, LADIES.
OH! THANK YOU!
MASTER KYOJI, YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH, SO I CAME TO DELIVER IT.
Oh Sugarmax!
MY NAME IS VINCENT.
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
HEY!! DON'T RUIN THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE WITH YOUR MILD MANNERED MODESTY!

MARIYA!
NOW, NOW! ♡ DON'T MOVE!
AH!
MASTER MARIYA... I'M SORRY...
...BUT I MUST TAKE YOU AS MY HOSTAGE UNTIL WE CAN SAFELY ESCAPE.
WH--WHAT WAS THAT?!
GOLD-CHAN! WHAT HAPPENED?!

HEY, DANTE! SINCE YOU CAN MOVE--DO SOMETHING!
BUT HUGO TOLD ME NOT TO...
OKAY! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! ♡
THEY'LL OPEN THE SHOW SOON, GOLD-CHAN!
MASTER MARIYA!!

I KNOW. PLEASE SCOLD ME LATER.
ARE YOU HURT? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE.
HUGO!
I HAVE MY CLAWS TO PROTECT YOU, HUGO.
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR CLAWS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THOSE TWO?
WE SHOULD AT LEAST TAKE THE BLONDE DOLL!
That pen is so you!
WHAT ARE YOU SCRIBBLING? AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
DIDN'T HE LOOK LIKE A GORGEOUS YOUNG MAN FOR A SECOND?
"I HAVE MY CLAWS TO PROTECT YOU."

SHK
SHK
SHK
EEEEEEEEEK!
IT'S MUCH WORSE THAN THAT-IT MUST BE POSSESSED! IT'S A DEMON DOLL!
IT'S... A WIND-UP DOLL?!

YAAAAA!! ♡ ♡
NO YOU DON'T! HE'S MINE!
HUG
SO CUTE! I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU!
♡ ♡
FWIP
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!
HERE COME THE VISITORS!
I'M OPENING THE DOORS NOW!!
I KNOW HIS NEW WEAKNESS!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
THMP
OOF!
SOMEHOW, THE PERFUME MANAGED TO HAVE GREAT TIMING.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF..

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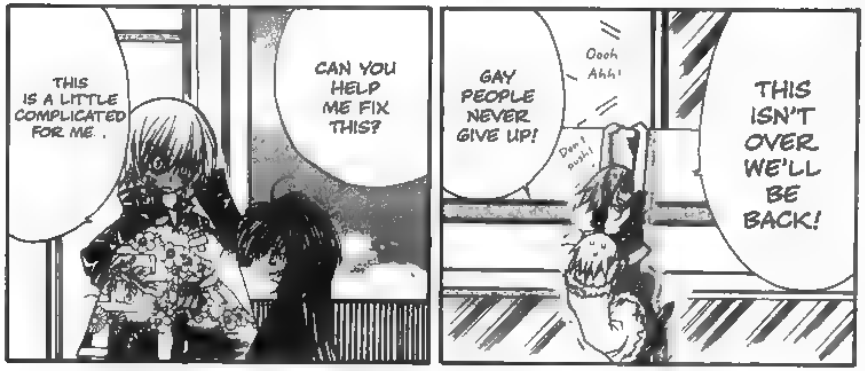
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
~SILVER & GOLD~
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
KI--
WE INSIST ON BEING CALLED BY MORE GORGEOUS, SOPHISTICATED NAMES!
DO NOT CALL US "GIN-SAN" AND "KIN-SAN" LIKE THOSE OLD GRANNIES FROM JAPANESE FOLK TALES!
OH, GOOD ONE!
KINKAKU AND GINKAKU?

(NOTE: KINKAKU AND GINKAKU ARE FAMOUS TEMPLES IN KYOTO.)

BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL REFLECTIONS

DON'T MISS PURCHASING A COPY OF THIS RARE, BEAUTIFUL SHOT OF TWO GORGEOUS MEN! IT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE FOR TEN MINUTES!
Mariya Hugo Exhibition
I'M SO GLAD I ASKED KYO-CHAN TO COME!
WHEN DID YOU TAKE THIS PHOTO?!


THIS IS A LITTLE COMPLICATED FOR ME..
CAN YOU HELP ME FIX THIS?
GAY PEOPLE NEVER GIVE UP!
Oooh Ahh!
Don't push!
THIS ISN'T OVER WE'LL BE BACK!

TAKE CARE AND STUDY HARD.
BYE, GUILT-NA-CHAN! BYE, VIN-CHAN!
WE'LL SEE YOU WHEN YOU GET HOME.
I'M OFF TO SCHOOL!
OKAY!

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AH...
...HE'S CALLING ME.
THAT'S MY LORD'S VOICE...
I FEEL HIS PRESENCE. HE'S IN...THAT DIRECTION.
MY POOR LORD... YOU SEEM EXHAUSTED.
I SHALL COME TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, MY LORD...
PLEASE...
PLEASE... DON'T CRY...
MY LORD!

I AM RIGHT HERE, VINCENT.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE IN MY BED.
MY LORD ...?
WHERE AM I...?
YOU PASSED OUT THIS MORNING AND HAVE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS EVER SINCE.
WHAT?!
HUH? HEY! WAIT...!
OH, NO!
I MUST ATTEND TO MY CHORES!
JUST CALM DOWN.
I CAN'T STAND UP...
OHHHHHH!
ふらふら

I'M SO SORRY! PLEASE FORGIVE ME, MY LORD!
Heave ho!
DON'T WORRY. I'VE ALREADY DONE THE COOKING, CLEANING, SHOPPING AND LAUNDRY.
IT'S ALL BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. THE HARDEST PART WAS CARRYING YOU TO THE BED.
YES, ME.
YES, THAT KYOJI.
IT WASN'T SO BAD. KYOJI ACTUALLY HELPED ME WITH CHORES TODAY.
MASTER KYOJI DID?!
MUCH BETTER. THANK YOU.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, VINCENT?
I'M SO SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU, MASTER KYOJI.
IT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHEN AND WHERE I SNEAK TO IN MY OWN HOUSE.
HOW DID YOU SNEAK IN?!
WAH!! WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
Admitting to sneaking

EH HEH HEH! ♡
HMM? SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD.
CAN YOU SIT UP?
MISS TONAE, I'M SO SORRY TO WORRY YOU.
YES, I CAN.
OH! THAT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD!
TONAE'S SPECIAL CUSTARD CRÉME PUDDING WITH HOT MILK!
TAA-DAA!
IT WAS UNTIL YOU RUINED IT WITH AN EXTREME CLOSE-UP OF YOUR MESSY FACE!
WHAT A HEART-WARMING SCENE!
TPP
YOU CAN EAT A PUDDING, CAN'T YOU, VIN-CHAN?
I HOPE YOU FEEL BETTER SOON!
MISS TONAE...

DURING SUCH TIMES, DON'T YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO REVERT TO A BAT?
IT'S NATURAL FOR ALL MONSTERS TO LOSE THEIR ENERGY DURING VARIOUS SEASONS.
YOU'VE BEEN MAINTAINING YOUR HUMAN FORM FOR A LONG TIME.
I WAS GOING TO TELL HIM THAT, TOO!
HEY! I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT!
BUT...
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
HMM
YES, MASTER KYOJI.
VIN-CHAN? ARE YOU OKAY?
...I UNDER-STAND.
I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN THIS FORM RIGHT NOW.
I WANT TO BE IN A HUMAN BODY...
...LIKE ALL OF YOU.

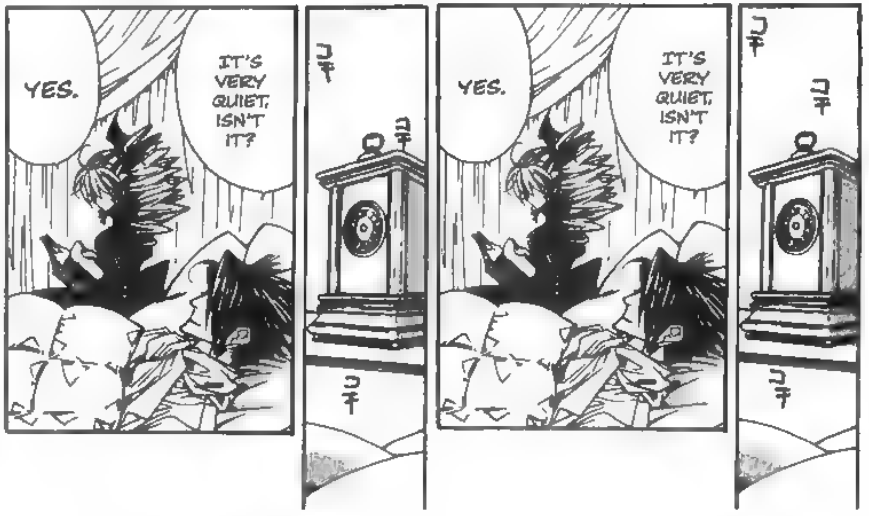
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SO WHEN I ASKED.
M-MY LORD... YOU'RE RIGHT. I'D PREFER TALKING TO THE QUIET.

WHY DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
...YOU WERE A BAT MOST OF THE TIME.
BACK IN THE DAY...
EARLIER, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO STAY IN HUMAN FORM.
IN THAT CASE, I HAVE A QUESTION.

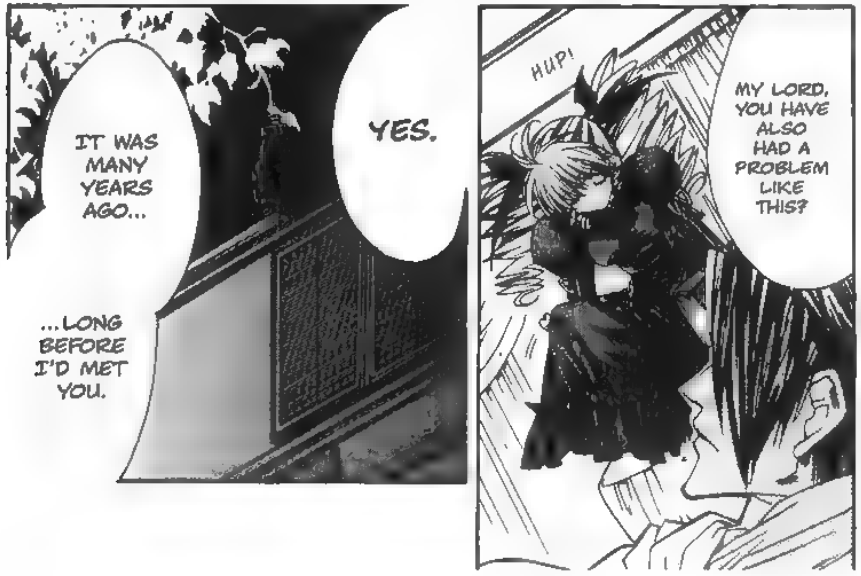
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE THAT OPPORTUNITY BY BEING A BAT.
WHEN I'M IN HUMAN FORM, I CAN TALK TO EVERYONE.
EVERYONE IS VERY KIND TO ME, AND I LIKE BEING ABLE TO SAY "THANK YOU."

EXCUSE ME, MY LORD, BUT...
ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU AREN'T GOING TO SLEEP?

O-OF COURSE NOT!
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT WASTING YOUR TIME.
OF COURSE. I'LL BE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.
WHY? ARE YOU BORED?


YES.
IT'S VERY QUIET, ISN'T IT?
YES.
IT'S VERY QUIET, ISN'T IT?

...HAD TO LEARN THAT FROM SOMEONE ELSE.
EVEN I...
LORD OF VAMPIRES...
ONCE, I WAS VERY UNWELL.
I COULDN'T CONTROL MY BODY AT ALL.
HERE.
LAY DOWN, AND I'LL TELL YOU.
MY LORD...?


IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO...
...LONG BEFORE I'D MET YOU.
YES.
HUP!
MY LORD, YOU HAVE ALSO HAD A PROBLEM LIKE THIS?

PLEASE CALM DOWN, MY LORD.
I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE THAT MASTER KYOJI IS WORRIED ABOUT ME.
GO TO SLEEP!
Was actually standing there
VINCENT...
MY LORD...
...TO RELATE TO OTHERS. YOU...THE LORD OF VAMPIRES.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO TAUGHT A BAT LIKE ME HOW WONDERFUL IT IS...

AT NIGHT, THE STARS WOULD RAIN ACROSS THE SKY.
THE AIR WAS CRISP AND CLEAN.
THE COLORS OF THE DAYLIGHT WORLD WERE SO VERY BRIGHT...
...THOUGH IT PAINED ME TO LOOK UPON THEM.

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EXCUSE... ME...
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V-VAMPIRE LORD...

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OH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
LEAVE NOW IF YOU WANT TO LIVE.
UGH...
AH...
GO! LEAVE ME!

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NOW YOU SHOULD BE FINE!
CAN YOU STAND?
LET'S GET YOU OVER THERE, SHALL WE?
THERE'S A BUILDING NOT FAR FROM HERE.
STUPID GIRL...
WHY... DID YOU... COME BACK?

FATHER MONTGOMERY!
OH, FATHER MONT-GOMERY! IT SMELLS SO WONDER-FUL!
YOU'RE HOME, BEYONCE. I WAS JUST PREPARING US SOME TEA, YOUR FAVORITE, WITH MILK AND LOTS OF HONEY.
I'D LIKE TO BORROW SOMETHING FROM YOU!
OH! THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH.

Let's go! Let's go!
Hey!
DO YOU MIND IF I LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY LATER?
RIGHT NOW, LET'S CONCENTRATE ON WALKING, ALL RIGHT?
H... EY...
LISTEN... TO ME...
HUP!
.....
WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!
I'M FATHER MONTGOMERY. AND THIS GIRL IS BEYONCE. SHE LIVES HERE AND HELPS ME WITH THE CHORES AND SUCH.
YES, WELCOME!
THAT STUPID GIRL...
OF ALL PLACES, SHE BROUGHT ME TO A CHURCH!!
AT FIRST I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF YOUR REQUEST TO BORROW THE BLACK CURTAIN WE USE FOR HOLY RITUALS DURING THE DAY.
WAS IT USEFUL?
YES, FATHER! THANK YOU!
AND SHE EVEN TOUCHED ME WITH A HOLY ITEM...
HERE, VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT.
PLEASE DRINK THIS TEA.
IT WILL EASE YOUR PAIN.
DON'T MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME!
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VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT...
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YOU ARE SO KIND TO WORRY ABOUT US...
...AND THIS CHURCH.
MASTER VAMPIRE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID!
BUT THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE WILL NOT JUDGE US AS HARSHLY AS YOU SURMISE.
BESIDES...
I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO FULLY COMPREHEND WHAT KINDS OF HORRIBLE ENCOUNTERS YOU MUST HAVE EXPERIENCED OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR YEARS.
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THEY'RE ALREADY HERE.
WHAT BEAUTIFUL RED EYES HE HAS!
IN ALL MY LIFE, I'VE NEVER SEEN A VAMPIRE BEFORE.

ARE YOU TRYING TO POISON ME WITH THAT TEA?
OR PERHAPS YOU'RE TOO HOPELESSLY IGNORANT TO APPRECIATE THE POSITION IN WHICH YOU'VE PUT YOURSELVES?
WHY DO YOU CALL ME "ARISTOCRAT"?
STUPID HUMANS!
THEY'LL EVEN BURN DOWN THIS CHURCH...
...WITH YOU INSIDE!
ONCE VILLAGERS FIND OUT YOU'RE HIDING A VAMPIRE HERE...
...YOU'LL BE BURNED ALIVE!

FEELING REASSURED?
.....
HUH...
Reheated tea
YOU DON'T?
MOST HUMANS FEAR ME...
NOT AT ALL...
...MY LORD!

I HEARD VAMPIRES ONLY DRINK THE BLOOD OF YOUNG WOMEN.
YABBA
YABBA
YABBA
I HEARD YOU ALMOST DIED FROM STARVATION.
YOU CAN DRINK MY BLOOD IF YOU WANT.
TUG
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CROSSES THAT USED TO BE HANGING ALL OVER THE CHURCH?
OH, THOSE? FATHER MONTGOMERY PUT THEM AWAY...
...BEFORE MR. VAMPIRE ARRIVED.
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Pretty hair!

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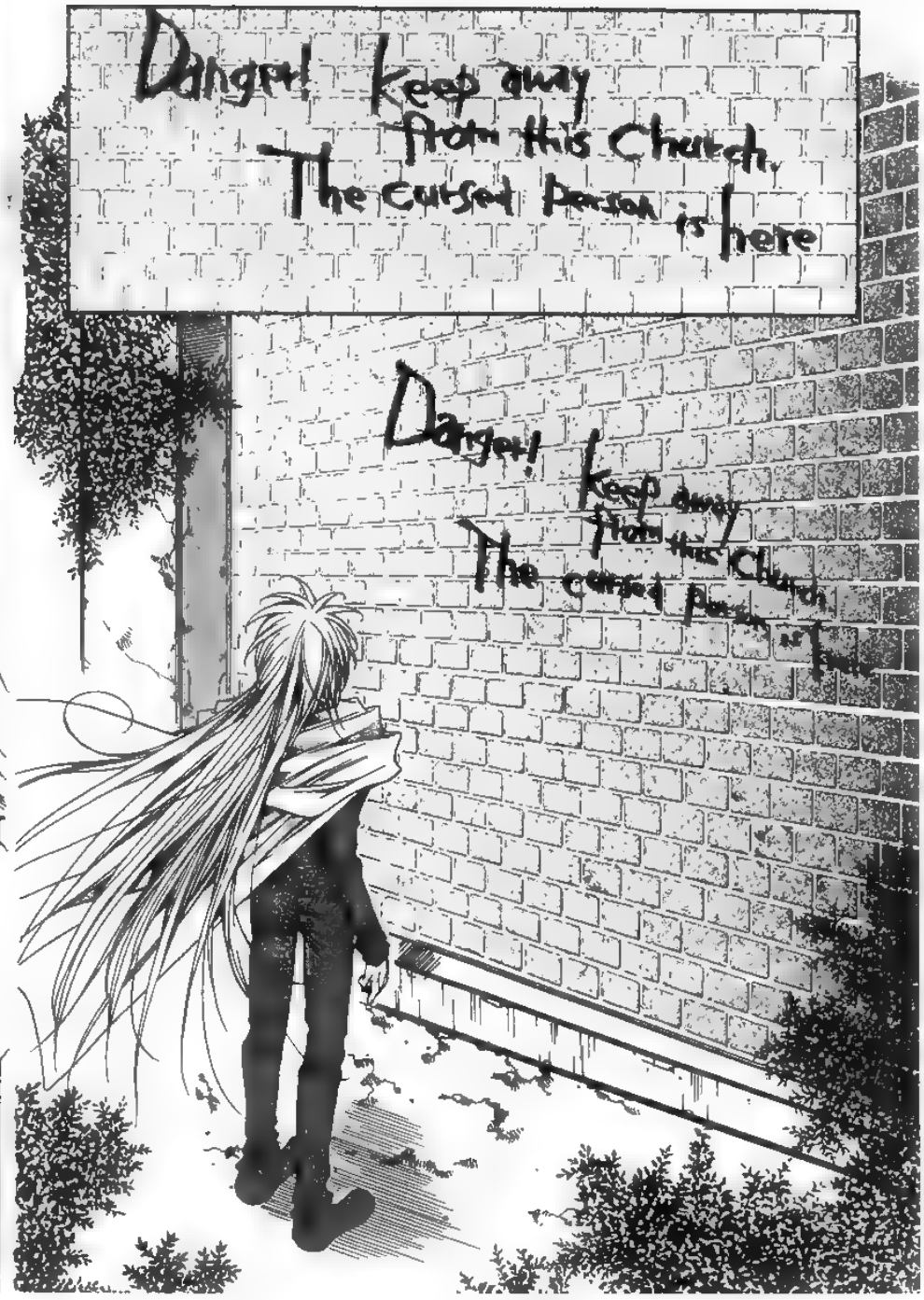
SO, PLEASE...
...STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU NEED TO RECOVER COMPLETELY.
SWP
HERE.
OH, NO!
I FORGOT MY BASKET IN THE FOREST!
MY DEAR, DID YOU REMEMBER THE ITEMS I'D ASKED FOR?
...BE CAREFUL.
WOLF!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

WHEN I FOUND YOU IN THE FOREST...
...I THOUGHT YOU WERE A STAR THAT HAD FALLEN FROM THE SKY.
I KNEW AT ONCE THAT YOU WERE A VAMPIRE ARISTOCRAT.
HE TOLD ME...
...YOUR ILLNESS IS A PART OF NATURE'S CYCLE... THAT MONSTERS GROW WEAKER DURING CERTAIN TIMES.
FATHER MONTGOMERY IS A DOCTOR AS WELL AS A PRIEST.

...CAN BE GENTLE WHEN IT COMES TO BEYONCE.
EVEN WOLFGANG...
IN ALL OF THE VILLAGE...
.. NONE IS SWEETER THAN THAT GIRL.

HOW RUDE!
HE'S THE ONE WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL OF.
...I'VE HEARD TELL OF TERRIBLE CRIMES, EVEN IN THE VILLAGE.
AS OF LATE...
HOW CAN HE COME HERE...
...WHEN HE DOESN'T EVEN BELIEVE IN GOD?
.....
LOOK.
HE PUT FLOWERS IN THE BASKET FOR ME.
WOLFGANG IS...
...A VERY SWEET PERSON.

PLEASE USE THIS ROOM.
WE NORMALLY USE IT FOR GUESTS FROM FAR AWAY.
I CLEAN IT EVERY DAY.
.....
FOR TONIGHT, PLEASE REST AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
GOOD NIGHT, MY LORD.
YOU MUST HAVE TRAVELED TO MANY WONDERFUL PLACES, AND WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO TALK.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING ALL OF YOUR WONDERFUL STORIES.


Danger! Keep away from this Church. The cursed Person is here
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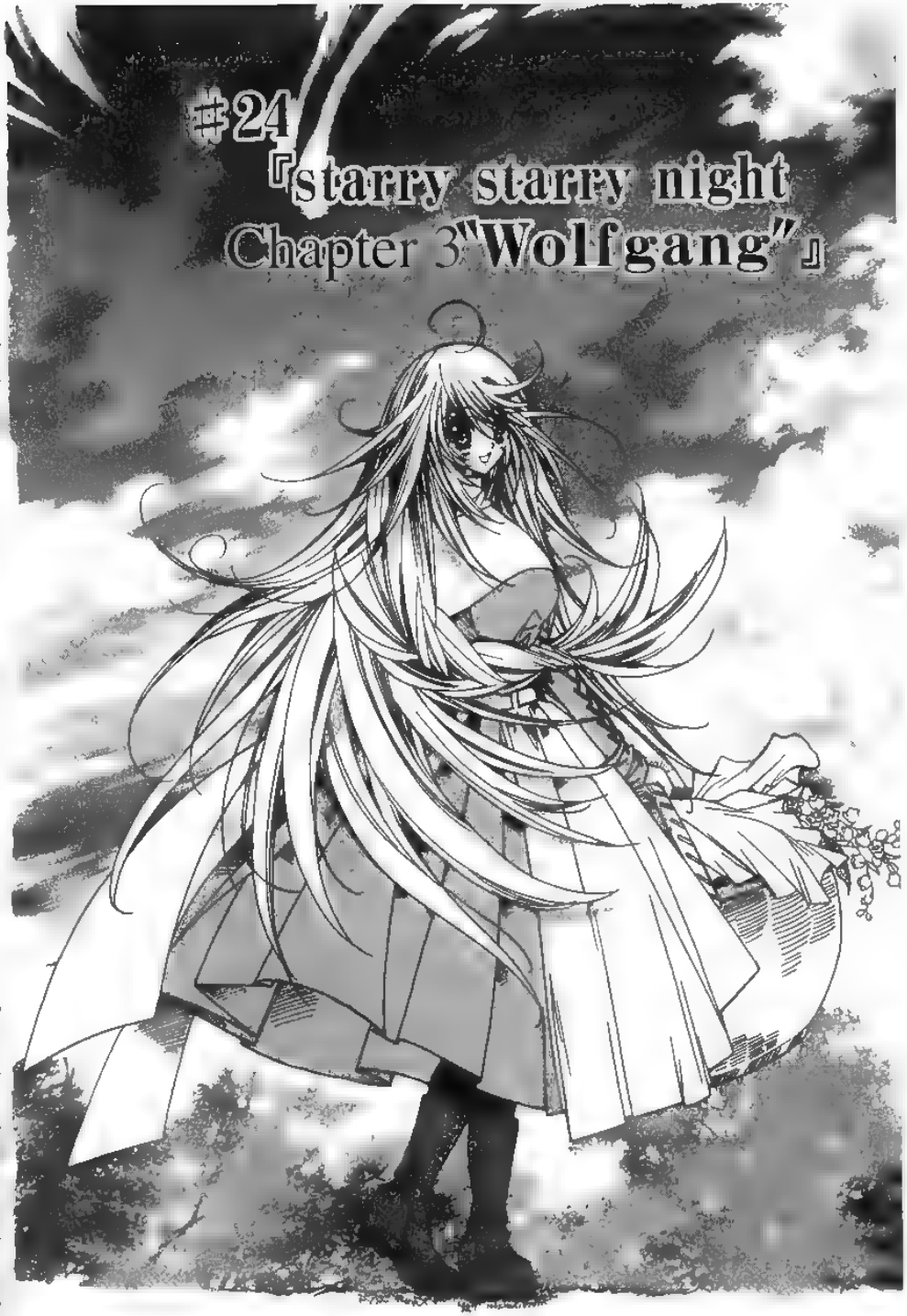
...WHAT A STRANGE VILLAGE.
NO ONE IS SCARED OF ME.
BUT I SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP MY GUARD UP.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AH!
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DAMN... WHEN DID I FALL SLEEP?
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND? WAS IT FROM OUTSIDE?

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HE'S NICE.
THAT STUPID GIRL!
SHE'S THE ONE MAKING MY HEAD SPIN!
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WOLFGANG IS NICE.

.. Our Father which art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth

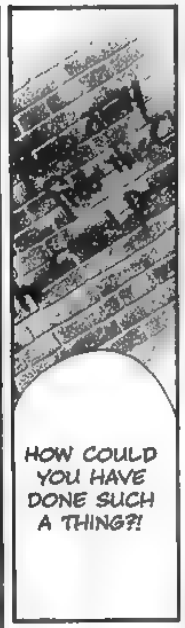
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
ODD...
IS IT THE PRIEST?
MAYBE...
THE SOUND OF PRAYER DOESN'T BOTHER ME TONIGHT.
NO... PERHAPS THE GIRL?
...I AM A LITTLE TIRED.
As we forgive those who sin against us

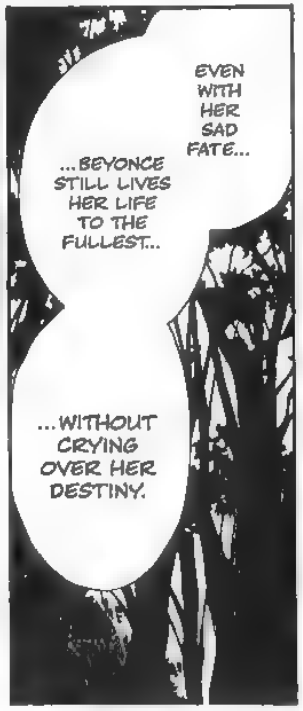
I KNEW IT.
EVEN IN A VILLAGE LIKE THIS...
THEY MUST BE TALKING ABOUT ME.
THE CURSED PERSON...
...CRUELTY EXISTS EVERYWHERE.
THEY CALL YOU WOLFGANG, RIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS.
I WOULD HAVE BEEN GONE BY MORNING.
SO IT WOULD SEEM.
.....
WHEN I SEE A BRIGHT GLOW IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT..
..I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OF A LYNCH MOB.
AM I LOOKING FOR TROUBLE WHERE THERE IS NONE?
Keep away from the Cursed person

ARE YOU SCARED OF HER BLOOD?!

WHAT?!
YOU!
HOW COULD YOU?!
THAT POOR GIRL!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU--?!
YOU CAN DROP THE ACT!
I SAW YOU YESTERDAY! IN THE FOREST--YOU DIDN'T DRINK BEYONCE'S BLOOD!
ARE YOU...

WHAT HAS AN INNOCENT FLOWER LIKE HER...
...EVER DONE WRONG TO YOU?!


HOW COULD YOU HAVE DONE SUCH A THING?!


EVEN WITH HER SAD FATE...
...BEYONCE STILL LIVES HER LIFE TO THE FULLEST...
...WITHOUT CRYING OVER HER DESTINY.

BEYONCE ...?!
WHAT'S SHE DOING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?!
IT'S THE GLOW I SAW EARLIER..
OH, NO!
IT WAS YOU WHO...
IT WAS YOU WHO...
WROTE THEM, DIDN'T YOU?!
WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE!
THOSE WORDS ON THE WALL...
THIS WAY!
SOMEONE'S COMING OUT!
TH-THEN...
WHO DID THIS...?!
I DID...
...NOT!
...NOT!

AFTER ALL, IT IS RATHER LATE!
WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS IN THE CHURCH.
MY DEAR, BEYONCE.
YOU REALLY MUST STOP THIS.
PLEASE, CEASE CALLING YOURSELF A CURSED PERSON.
I'M SO SORRY, FATHER.
I KNOW YOU'VE TOLD ME BEFORE THAT IT'S FINE, BUT...
...I CAN'T HELP WORRYING...
...THAT THE OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE MIGHT CATCH MY SICKNESS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "ALL BETTER"?!
KEEP AWAY, PLEASE.
KEEP AWAY.
I FORGOT TO ADD...
WHY...
WHY DID YOU WRITE SUCH A THING?
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO ASK YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
OH! HELLO, WOLFGANG! HELLO, MY LORD!
PLEASE, WON'T YOU ALL COME INSIDE?

...A BLOOD DISEASE.
HEY, DIDN'T YOU SAY...
THANK YOU, FATHER!
WITH THE HELP OF THIS VILLAGE'S FRESH AIR, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOVER SOMEDAY.
LET'S DO OUR BEST TO CURE YOU, ALL RIGHT?
WHAT?!
...YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE HERE BY THE MORNING?
...NOW I REMEMBER.
PLEASE STAY HERE LITTLE LONGER.
PLEASE!
IS IT TRUE, MY LORD?! PLEASE TELL ME IT ISN'T TRUE!
AH... UM...

WHAT AM I TO DO WITH YOU?
NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, YOU JUST WON'T TRUST MY MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, WILL YOU, BEYONCE?
SICKNESS?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
BEYONCE, YOU WERE BORN WITH THE BLOOD DISEASE.
IT'S NOT CONTAGIOUS.
PERHAPS THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR MIND. IT'S A NEW REPORT FROM A CITY HOSPITAL.
IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO PLAY WITH THEM?!
OH! I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT!
SO... THIS MEANS I CAN'T..
...MAKE ANYONE ELSE SICK, CAN I?
LOOK HERE. THEY HAVE THE SAME CONCLUSION AS MINE.

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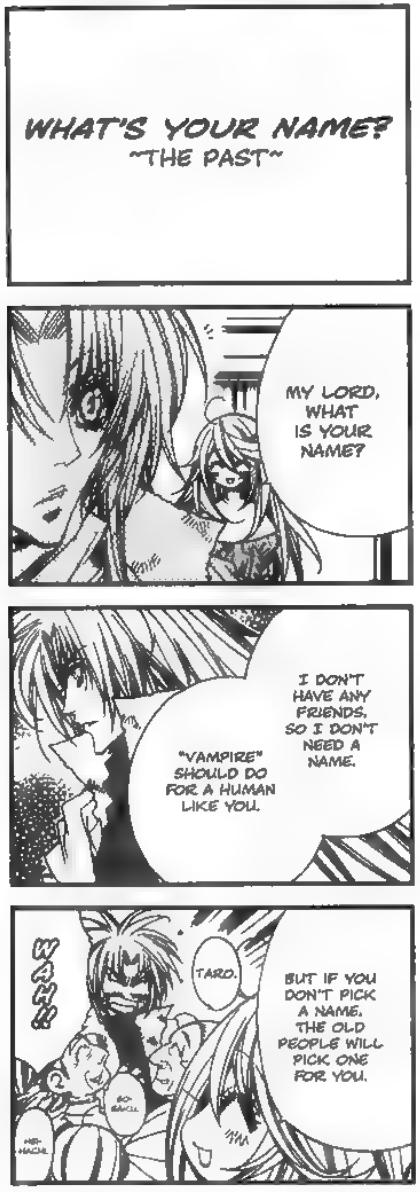
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
~THE PAST~
MY LORD, WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS, SO I DON'T NEED A NAME.
"VAMPIRE" SHOULD DO FOR A HUMAN LIKE YOU.
BUT IF YOU DON'T PICK A NAME, THE OLD PEOPLE WILL PICK ONE FOR YOU.
TARO.
WAAH
NO-BAKA!
NO-HACHI!

BONUS COMIC STRIP

VAMPIRE DOLL
REFLECTIONS

ALTHOUGH I WASN'T THINKING STRAIGHT BACK THEN, I KNOW WHY I DIDN'T SUCK HER BLOOD.
...ALL RIGHT.
IT WAS BECAUSE... I COULD SMELL DEATH EMANATING FROM HER.
DON'T TELL HIM ZAT!
...
WOLFGANG DOESN'T TALK MUCH BECAUSE HE WANTS TO HIDE HIS ACCENT.

Comedy Short?

BONUS COMIC STRIP

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Wiseman

HUH?!
DANTE! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
HOW'D HE GET HIM TO STOP?!
OH! IT'S THE OLD WISE-MAN!
THE TERM IS BERSERKER. BER-SERK-ER!
I MADE THAT BUM KICKER.
OH, MY! HE'S SO OLD THAT HE'S SENILE
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, DANTE?

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BERSERK-ER...?!
THE VILLAGE PEOPLE WERE TALKING.
ABOUT A BERSERKER WHO ATTACKS PEOPLE IN THIS AREA.
.WHO'LL CUT DOWN ANY WHO DRAW NEAR.
A HEARTLESS WARRIOR...
YES, MY LORD! I'LL BE CAREFUL!
GOT IT! KEEP AWAY FROM SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE!
EMP
HE'S SO SHORT THAT I DIDN'T SEE HIM!
DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU NOT TO KEEP AWAY?!

Box

THERE'S A TRAP.
IS IT TREASURE? WHY NOT OPEN IT?
JUST LEAVE IT.
REALLY? I USED TO BE A THIEF, SO I'LL OPEN IT.
HIM AGAIN?!
PLEASE OPEN THE BOX!

Tower

I HOPE THE YOTOBARI FAMILY DOESN'T OWN THIS ONE.
MY LORD, I HEARD THAT THERE SHOULD BE A HOTEL NEARBY
I'M SURE THE YOTOBARI FAMILY OWNS THAT, AS WELL.
I HEAR THERE'S A GUILD FOR ADVENTURERS.
I'D BET THAT PRINCESS IS RELATED TO THE YOTOBARIS, TOO.
I JUST HEARD THERE'S A CAPTIVE PRINCESS IN THAT TOWER!
THEN DON'T SET UP SOMETHING I CAN FIGURE OUT SO EASILY!
DON'T BE SO STUBBORN AND JUST PLAY YOUR ROLE.

BONUS COMIC STRIP

R·P
Guilt-na-Zan Part4

Maniac

DAWN AT THE HOTEL.
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!
LET US CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY!
YEAH!!
WHAT'S WITH THE MIXED OUTFITS?
OUR AUTHOR COULDN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO MAKE A REGULAR COMIC STRIP OR A ROLE PLAYING ONE...

Count

Introduction

LET ME BEGIN. I'M THE LORD OF VAMPIRES GUILT-NA-ZAN!
OUR GROUP HAS GOTTEN SO BIG THAT WE NEED INTRODUCTIONS, AGAIN.
I'M BATMAN VINCENT!
I'M TONAS, A WITCH!
I'M A THIEF, DUNE!
I'M SHIZUKA, A MONK.
INTRO-DUCTIONS BEFORE FIGHTING!
IT'S THE BERSERKER!

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Dream

AT LAST!
I'VE GOT MY BODY BACK!
WAAAAH!
I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS!
GOOD FOR YOU!
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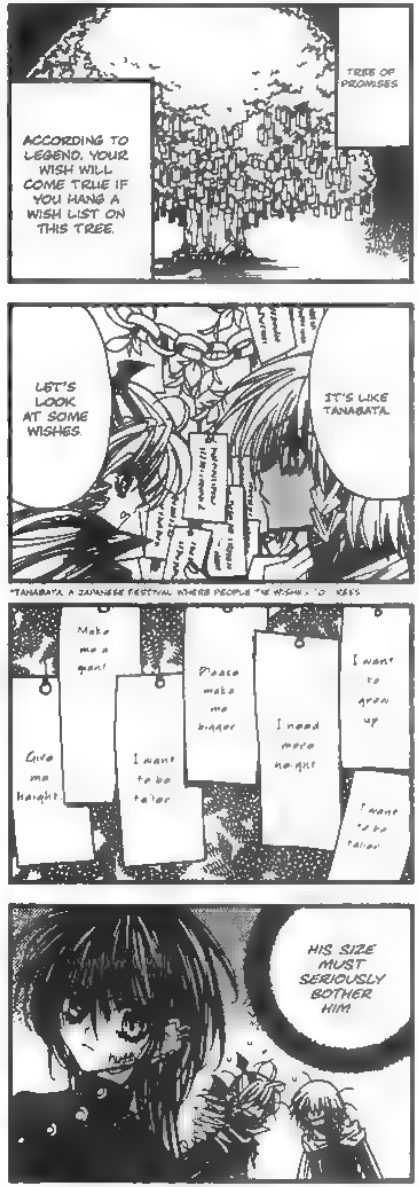
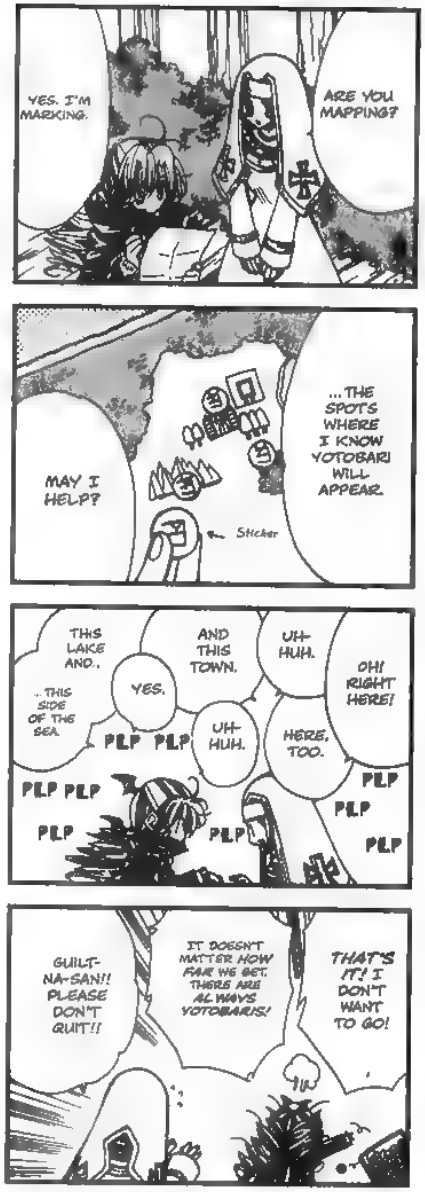
OH? DID YOU CHANGE YOUR WISH, MY LORD?
I MUST ELIMINATE THE SOURCE OF MY MISERY.
I WANT MY REAL BODY BACK.
RID THE WORLD OF YOTOBARI

Wish


TREE OF PROMISES
ACCORDING TO LEGEND, YOUR WISH WILL COME TRUE IF YOU HANG A WISH LIST ON THIS TREE.
LET'S LOOK AT SOME WISHES.
IT'S LIKE TANABATA.
Make me a man!
Please make me bigger
I want to grow up
Give me height
I want to be taller
I need more height
I want to be taller
HIS SIZE MUST SERIOUSLY BOTHER HIM

*TANABATA: A JAPANESE FESTIVAL WHERE PEOPLE TIE WISHES TO KISS

Evenly Across



Finally

OH? IS IT A NEW SYSTEM?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOAD THE PREVIOUS DATA?
▷ YES.
NO.
WELL... LET ME SEE...
PLEASE ENTER THE RESURRECTION SPELL.
OH, YOTOBARI. YOU ARE THE WIND THAT SHAKES THE BRANCHES OF MY HEART. AMOUR MON AMOUR, CHAMPS ELYSEES.
MY LORD! PLEASE CALM DOWN!!
I'M DONE! THE AUTHOR SHOULD DO SCHOOL COMIC STRIPS. INSTEAD!
I WON'T SAY SOMETHING SO IDIOTIC!

GUILT-NA-ZAN BONUS COMIC STRIPS!

Futile Fight

HIS SKILLS INCLUDE GAINING POWER BY SUCKING THE NEGATIVE ENERGY FROM ENEMIES.
DUNE
EVIL TO ME!!
MY POWER WENT UP!
ALL RIGHT! I'M BIGGER!
DAMN!
HE'S RIGHT. JUST GO BACK TO YOUR CHILD MODE.
SIGH!
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE WANTS TO FIGHT NOW.

Flying Unit

HE'S A BATMAN. ONE OF HIS SKILLS IS FLIGHT.
VINCENT
IN THAT CASE, I'LL GO CHECK...
FWP
THE TRAIL ENDS HERE. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FLY
I'M DOING MY BEST! UGH!!
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
FLYING AROUND IS WHAT RPGS ARE ALL ABOUT.

Bottom Line

EVERY LAST THING IS RELATED TO YOTOBARI!!
YOTOBARI... YOTOBARI... YOTOBARI
WHY CAN'T I GET AWAY...
...FROM THE YOTOBARI FAMILY?!
ISN'T IT BECAUSE THE GREAT SATAN DOMINATES THIS WORLD?
OH! SCALES!
PLOP PLOP

Volunteer

I'M MAKING A LIST OF EACH GROUP MEMBER'S OCCUPATION.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MY LORD?
Guilt-Na. Lord of Vampires
Vincent. Fighter (Batman)
Tonao. Wizard (Human)
Duno. Thief (Demon)
Shizuka. Monk (Human)
Wiseman (Human)
YES, BUT...
THEY ALL MATCH THEIR ROLES, DON'T THEY?
..THE LIST WILL BE PERFECT!
IF ONLY WE HAD A PRIEST OR MARTIAL ARTIST..
DON'T REPLY TO HIM.
I'LL BET HE DOESN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO TRY BEING A MARTIAL ARTIST.
OH!
DOES ANYONE NEED A PRIEST?

* SCALES FALLING FROM EYES IS A METAPHOR FOR HAVING AN EPIPHANY.

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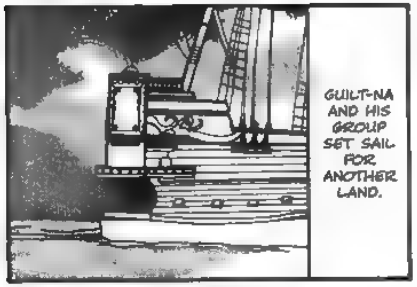
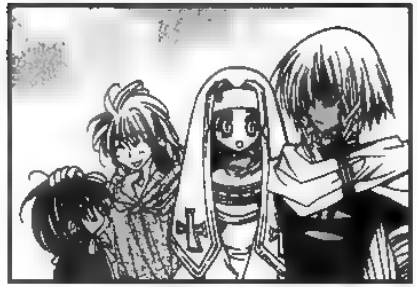
Weakness

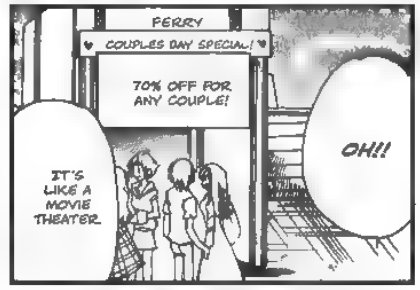


Darling Honey



I APPRECIATE YOUR EXISTENCE ONLY FOR THE MOMENT, DARLING.
HEY, HONEY. IT'S TIME TO GET ONBOARD.
I'M KING OF THE WORLD!
YOU'RE NO LEO!

Deal With It



Eyes

OH, I KNOW. THEY'RE CALLED "EVIL EYES."
HEY, GUILT-NA-CHAN. THERE ARE EYES DRAWN ON A SHIP.
REALLY? HOW NEAT!
THEY DRAW EYES ON SHIPS TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS.
CUTE EYES
IS THAT AN EVIL EYE, TOO?
I KNOW WHO DESIGNED THIS SHIP..
That's a figure's head.
ON THE FRONT OF THE SHIP THERE'S A STATUE OF A CUTE GIRL!

Couples Day

YEAH. IT'S MY FIRST TIME.
DUNE-KUN? ARE YOU WATCHING THE SEA?
OH! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT.
I CAME FROM A DESERT AND HAVE NEVER SEEN THE OCEAN BEFORE.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T WATCH.
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

More Danger

THIS ROOM IS AT THE END OF THE SHIP.
Dispensary
OH! A DISPENSARY!
WELCOME!
WHAT'S WRONG? SEASICK?
OH! YOU'RE BECOMING SMART ENOUGH TO AVOID ME, HUH?
IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO BE IN THE FRESH AIR.
WAAAHH! DON'T! DON'T! DON'T!
...DEMONS UNITE WITH HUMAN BODIES.
BE CAREFUL! THAT WAY'S WHERE...

Danger

Retreat

Grim Reaper

I FEEL SOMEONE IS TRYING TO MAKE THIS SCENE UNNECESSARILY SPECTACULAR!
THIS IS A HUGE STORM!
JUNK
THE SHIP IS SINKING! UNLOAD HEAVY STUFF!
YES, SIR!
ばら
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HOW MUCH WERE YOU HIDING IN THERE?!

Ten Legs

WHY ARE WE BEING ATTACKED BY SIMILAR CREATURES?
WATCH OUT! A HUGE SQUID IS ATTACKING US!
GREAT PLAN!
HEY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET DANTE THE BERSERKER CUT OFF ITS LEGS!
I'M BUSY.
ARE WE REALLY IN AN RPG?
NO! I CAN'T GIVE UP ON MY SQUID STEAK!
TONIGHT'S DINNER IS OCTOPUS SALAD!

Eight Legs

AT LAST, I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN A ROLE PLAYING GAME!
WATCH OUT! A HUGE OCTOPUS IS ATTACKING US!
OH! THE WISE-MAN HAS SOME IDEAS?!
LET ME TAKE CARE OF THIS!
WHO TOLD YOU TO IDENTIFY IT'S SEX?
THE NEATLY ARRANGED SUCKERS INDICATE A FEMALE.
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HELPFUL!
WELL... FEMALE OCTOPI TASTE BETTER THAN MALE ONES!

I MUST TAKE CARE NOT TO STRAY TOO NEAR, OR ELSE...
...HE'LL FREEZE ME.
THAT'S THE WYVERN?
ITS HABITAT IS THAT OF THE ROCKS IN THE NORTHERN FORESTS.
...AVOID HIM.
BUT I CAN'T...
Memory of Summer

Weather

SO... ARE YOU ACTUALLY SEA-JACKERS, NOT PIRATES?
THEREFORE, WE DECIDED TO TAKE OVER THIS SHIP.
NO YOU DON'T!
Don't know why it's always northwest!
LET'S CHANGE THE HEADING TO NORTHWEST!
YOU TELL HIM! DON'T LET HIM CHANGE COURSE. THIS SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT YOTOBARI ISLAND.
YOU JUST CAN'T STOP GETTING NEW PARTY MEMBERS.
WELL, THEN, I'M IN! LET'S GO NORTH-WEST.

Punishment

I'M CAPTAIN GOLD!
WE ARE THE "BEAUTIFUL PIRATES"!
I'M CAPTAIN SILVER!
AND!
IDIOT! WE HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY AS IT IS!
WE NEED CREW-MEMBERS!
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US? MONEY? GEMS?
LOOKS LIKE FUN!
GLINK GLINK
AS THE ONLY TWO ONBOARD, WE CAN ONLY OPERATE OUR SHIP LIKE THIS!

Gaaaah!
So...
Judging by this electric magic, you must be...
...the Lord of Vampires. I've heard of you.
What do you wish to accomplish by defeating this Wyvern...?
Do you seek the power of the ancient magic sealed within my dragon blood?
Or perhaps you want me to become your servant?
HFF
HFF

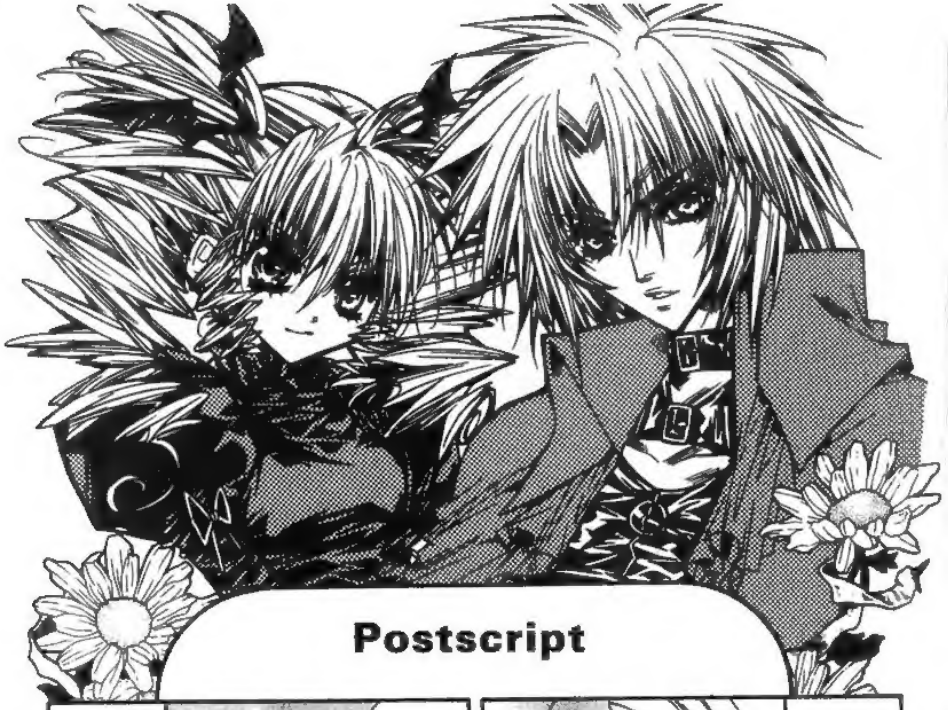
Who's there?!
COME TO ME, MY BLACK SKY...
RYDEEN!

GEEZ! THE THINGS SHIZUKA GETS ME TO DO JUST BECAUSE SHE'S THE CLASS PRESIDENT...
WHY DOES SHE NEED TO MAKE ME THE SECURITY GUY?
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'LL BE ANYBODY AT A SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
KLNK
!
WHO'S THERE?!
IT'S JUST ME.
SORRY. I NEED A PLACE TO STAY FOR TONIGHT.
Staying Out For The First Time?

ICE?!
NEITHER BLOOD NOR SERVITUDE. I JUST NEED SOME OF THAT ICE.
ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS ASK...
This should be enough
YOU KNOW I CAN'T USE ICE-BASED MAGIC. THAT'S WHY I WARNED YOU TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT SUNSTROKE.
I AM SO SORRY, MY LORD.
?
WE SURE LIVE IN AN ERA OF CONVENIENCE!
END

WHAT?
HEY, VAMPIRE ARISTO-CRAT?
GOOD NIGHT.
WELL, GOOD NIGHT.
BUT...
IT'S NO BIG DEAL. I JUST WANT TO SEE HOW IT GOES.
DO YOU WANT TO TRY "IT"?
I KNOW THIS IS KINDA WEIRD, BUT...
UMM...
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN, TOO?
I CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE END RESULTS.
WHAT?!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
GOOD BY ME!

YOU WERE LOCKED OUT OF THE HOUSE?!
A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIA-TION.
THAT'S RIGHT. I FORGOT TO BUY SOME THINGS TODAY...
SO I WENT TO BUY THEM AT A 24-HOUR STORE, AND THE DOOR WAS LOCKED WHEN I GOT HOME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB EVERYONE'S SLEEP. SO I DECIDED TO COME HERE.
I SHOULD WARN YOU, THERE'S ONLY ONE BED, SO IT'LL BE CRAMPED.
IT'S FINE WITH ME, AS LONG AS I CAN LAY DOWN.
HUH. WELL, I DON'T MIND.



Postscript

YOU CAUGHT AT LEAST FIVE COLDS BETWEEN THE PUBLISHING OF VOLUMES TWO AND THREE.
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME "COLD-MAN"?
DON'T CRY, COLD-MAN! I'M SAD, TOO.
I'M GETTING SAD FOR BEYONCE.
BECAUSE I ONLY HAVE SO MANY PAGES!
WHY DID YOU STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF A GOOD STORY?

AH! YOU'RE BIG! YOU SUCKED MY NEGATIVE ENERGY, DIDN'T YOU?!
WOW! YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO YOUR TRUE FORM WITH A MONSTER'S BLOOD?
IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR IF YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT TO DO THE SUCKING.
SO...I DEFINITELY CAN BECOME MYSELF.
BUT YOUR BLOOD HAS A SIDE EFFECT.
It's so cramped in here!
I need more blankets!
MY LORD! WERE YOU IN HAWAII OR SOMETHING?!
THE SIDE EFFECT LINGERS.

VAMPIRE DOLL GUILT-NA-ZAN VOLUME 3/END

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF, AGAIN. THIS IS ERIKA KARI. THIS IS VOLUME THREE! WAAAAAHHHH! WHO AM I TO HAVE THREE BOOKS?! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

KYOICHI IS THE EASIEST CHARACTER TO DRAW. I'D LIKE HIM TO APPEAR MORE IN THE NEXT VOLUME.

AT FIRST, I WAS SAD THAT THE TV DRAMA "NOBUTA" WAS FINISHED. BUT "KUITAN" IS SO FUNNY, AND IT MADE ME HAPPY AGAIN. I CREATED THIS VOLUME DURING THAT PERIOD.

THERE ARE SOME NAMES OF GUILT-NA CHARACTERS HIDDEN INSIDE THE CLOTHES IN THE FIRST COLOR ILLUSTRATION PAGE. PLEASE LOOK FOR THEM AND WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN YOUR LETTERS. IF YOU HAPPEN TO FIND ANY!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING MY BOOK! XIE XIE! DANKE! MERCI BEAUCOUP! I HOPE YOU KEEP READING MY BOOKS! HASTA LA VISTA!

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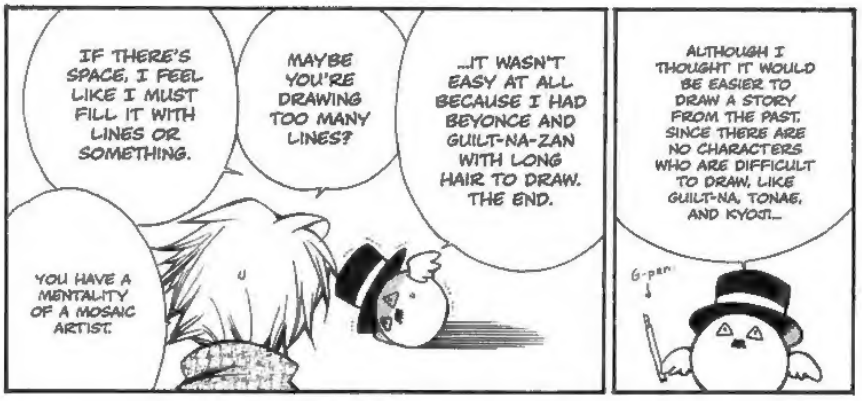
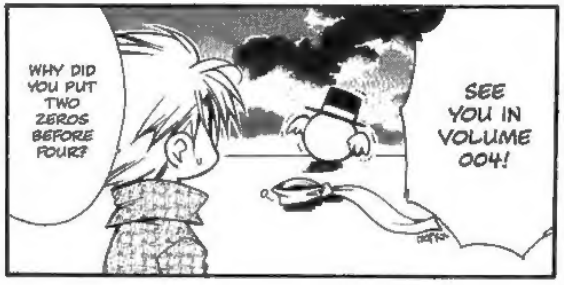
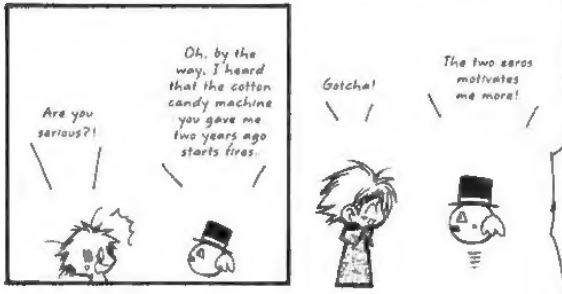

IF THERE'S SPACE, I FEEL LIKE I MUST FILL IT WITH LINES OR SOMETHING.
MAYBE YOU'RE DRAWING TOO MANY LINES?
...IT WASN'T EASY AT ALL BECAUSE I HAD BEYONCE AND GUILT-NA-ZAN WITH LONG HAIR TO DRAW. THE END.
YOU HAVE A MENTALITY OF A MOSAIC ARTIST.
ALTHOUGH I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO DRAW A STORY FROM THE PAST, SINCE THERE ARE NO CHARACTERS WHO ARE DIFFICULT TO DRAW, LIKE GUILT-NA, TONAE, AND KYOJI...
G-pen

THIS IS SUCH A GREAT MOMENT FOR US!
THE THIRD VOLUME IS PUBLISHED!
First time as an editor for a series.
I'll continue with two more serious stories...then I'll probably want to start writing some comedy again.
EVEN WITH HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE, I'M SO HAPPY TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO WRITE THE STORY OF "STARRY STARRY NIGHT"!




Are you serious?!
Oh, by the way, I heard that the cotton candy machine you gave me two years ago starts fires.
Gotcha!
The two zeros motivates me more!

Vampire Doll

Guilt-na-Zan

IN THE NEXT VOLUME!

WHAT IS THE DARK SHADOW OF DEATH THAT HANGS OVER POOR BEYONCE? CAN GUILT-NA-ZAN SAVE HER FROM THE SAD FATE SHE MUST ENDURE? THE SECRET PAST OF OUR FAVORITE VAMPIRE-ARISTOCRAT-TURNED-WAX-DOLL IS FINALLY REVEALED! ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF *VAMPIRE DOLL: GUILT-NA-ZAN.*

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